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President's Corner



Lebanon, Here We Come!

I am super excited that the International Rally in Lebanon, TN is around the corner! We continue to have club members sign up every day for the rally. Keep it up, we still have room for more participants! I continue to see people post interesting things to see and do in the Lebanon area on Facebook and other forms of media. It's nice to know that others who have been to Lebanon before have places that they want to share with our members to see while they are here for the rally. Take a look at these and you may find something that piques your interest or you may have something to post and share. Either way, take a look and make your plans for fun things to do before, during and after the Rally. The Facebook group is "Airstream Club International 2021 International Rally."

With all that has gone on with Covid, it looks like things are getting better. Lots of people have gotten their shots and now we have another vaccine that was approved. Word is that by May everyone should be able to get a shot. My hope is that with more and more people feeling the need to get out, that this rally would fill their needs. We will still be following all local and county guidelines on Covid for the rally.

I do want to thank the club members that were selected to serve on the Airstream Customer Council (ACC). This year's ACC consists of 15 members. Nice to know we have a voice on this important

group that has input to Airstream. Over 800 people applied for this. Several of these people are signed up to be at the Rally.

Spring is here and I hope that all of our club members are ready to get the Airstream out and head for places to see and explore in their area or travel to a destination. Perfect time of the year to travel! The flowers are out in Texas and they sure look pretty compared to the snow we had back in February.

Kathy and I are working on our wedding plans. Things are going well and we have most of the details taken care of. May the 1st will be here before we know it. If you are in the Rockport, TX area, stop by and say hi!

A big THANK YOU to Clifford Holensworth for the picture on the cover of this issue of *Blue Beret*. He took that picture at the Mid-Winter IBT. Clifford is the photographer for the International Rally in Lebanon. I am sure he would love to get a picture of your Airstream and you and your pets.

See you down the road.

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President Andrew Selking and Kathy Carl at Mid-Winter IBT, Sarasota, Florida
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Tye Mott

International President Nominee



Personal

Born June 14, 1963 in Brookville, FL

I first began camping as a child with my parents and have continued all my life.

My first of 4 Airstreams was purchased in 2006. My motto in life has become "Airstreaming, following my dream"

Unit I have been a member of the Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit since 2008, WBCCI #7719

WBCCI	2008	Joined the WBCCI community
	2009	Organized and hosted the special event rally for Cape Cod Unit Columbus Day / Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally
	2010-2011	Cape Cod Unit first vice president
	2011-2012	Cape Cod Unit president
	2012-2014	Region 1 second vice president
	2014-2016	Region 1 first vice president
	2016-2018	Region 1 president
	2018-2019	3rd International Vice President
	2019-2020	2nd International Vice President
	2020-2021	1st International Vice President

Occupation

2009-present	Purchased and now owner/operator of Chamberland Vinyl Repair, a car/boat/RV interior detailing and restoration service
1995-2008	Sales and service at Chamberland Vinyl Repair
1993-1995	Pollard Windows, sales and office manager
1988-1993	Stereo Advantage, range of sales, service and tech support
1984-1988	United States Army, Specialist (E) 4 Rank

Interests

Restoration of vintage trailers and cars
Camping throughout the US and Canada
Landscaping and gardening
Woodworking, old house repairs, and community volunteer
Pet owner, and helping on my best friend's farm when possible

I have attended as many of the Unit, Region 1 and International Rallies as my schedule has allowed since joining CCMAC in 2008, participating and/or hosted 10 Region Rallies. And, I have attended and worked at 6 International Rallies. I enjoy going to Rallies and other WBCCI functions to welcome and meet new members, meeting old friends, and lend a helping hand where needed.

Eric McHenry

International 1st Vice President Nominee



Background:

My wife LaVerne and I joined WBCCI in June of 2010 soon after the purchase of our first Airstream (25FB Flying Cloud). We've spent eight active years within the club, participating and leading within our Unit, Region and the International level. We love the club and are committed to contributing to its success. For Eric, this has included:

- WBCCI International 2nd Vice President (current)
- Project Manager: Airstream Club International website and database project (current)
- Region 12 2nd Vice President
- Past President, Greater Bay Area Airstream Club (GBAAC)
- Webmaster, Region 12 and GBAAC
- Past member, WBCCI Electronic Communications Committee

Professional Experience:

- Currently Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Director of the Information Technology Department for the City of Santa Rosa, CA. Oversees development of public-facing digital services, plus all computer services, website, desktop support and media services for the 1,400 City employees.
- Vice President and General Manager of an HP/Agilent business unit with worldwide annual revenue in excess of \$350M. Included management of a worldwide finance, HR, sales, marketing, research & development (R&D) and manufacturing team.
- Over 25 years with Hewlett Packard and Agilent Technologies holding various R&D positions, project management and marketing management positions. Employment included two years within HP's Foreign Service Employee program leading R&D and product development teams.

Education:

- Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology/MIT (1980)
- Executive mini-MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Business (1991)

Board Experience:

- Board President, Robert Ferguson Observatory
- Past Board Member and past Board President, KRCB NorthBay Public Media
- Past Board President, United Way of Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties
- Past Board President, The Children's Village of Sonoma County
- Past Board Member, Redwood Empire Food Bank

Personal:

- Born in Seattle, Washington, 1958 and married to LaVerne McHenry in 1982.
- Reside in Santa Rosa, CA (about 1 hour north of San Francisco).
- I am an avid outdoorsman, enjoying camping, motorcycling, kayaking, hiking, hunting and fishing with LaVerne, and also to her sometimes chagrin, am an active ham radio operator (AA6EM).

Per Hamnqvist

International 2nd Vice President Nominee



Summary

59 years old, self-employed software developer, husband to Lilli, father of three adult kids, avid world traveler, multilingual, lived in three countries (Sweden, France and US), immigrant from Sweden and proud American, joined the Airstream Club in 1998 at the age of 36 after we purchased a brand new 31ft Classic, crisscrossed the US and Canada many times with the trailer, love the Airstream way of life, volunteered in various positions with the club for the past 20 years, currently Interational 3rd Vice President, chair of International Relations Committee and chair of Long Range Planning Committee.

World travel has always been part of my life and still is today. Our Airstream has been the perfect vessel for us to discover the US and Canada. Our children have had the privilege of seeing large parts of the US, Canada and Alaska. The Airstream Club has added many wonderful dimensions to our Airstream ownership over the past two decades, including long lasting friendships, great meals, laughter, soothing times by campfires, companionship along the road, tech tips and leads to visit many interesting places.

Airstream Club Volunteer Positions

1998-1999 Registered wbcci.org and gave it to the club with instructions
1998-2000 Region 1 webmaster to a newly minted site
2000-2002 Trustee, New England Unit
2004-2009 Treasurer, New England Unit
2009-2012 2nd VP through President of the New England Unit
2014-2016 1st VP through President of the New England Unit
2016-2020 Region 1 2nd VP though Region President
2020- International 3rd VP
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2011-2019 Lead organizer of NYC Basecamp, now a National Rally

Work

1982-1984 Digital Equipment, Stockholm Sweden, Software Specialist
1984-1993 Digital Equipment, Sophia Antipolis, France, Principal SW Engineer
1993-2004 Digital Equipment, Compaq, Hewlett-Packard, Boston area, Master SW Engineer
2005-2006 PubSub Concepts, VP of Engineering
2007- For hire Independent software contractor. I am presently at Amphenol-TCS, where I develop firmware and manufacturing applications for high speed interconnects.

Karen Fisher

International 3rd Vice President Nominee



Personal

Married to Wallace (Wally) Kimmel since 1982
Two children – Melissa and Richard and three grandchildren

WBCCI Experience (Leader – Communicator – Organizational Skills)

Joined Michigan Airstream Club (052) in August 2009
Region 4 Officer (President – 2019 to present, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Treasurer)
Member of the Nominating Committee – 2017/2018
Michigan Airstream Club Officer – 2010-2015 (Executive Director, President, 1st VP, 2nd VP)
Michigan All Unit State Rally Treasurer – 2010-2019
International Rallies attended: All since Sedalia 2012, Local Club Delegate or Alternate – 2012-2014
International Rally Committee Chair positions held: Rally Manager – 2021 & 2018-2019, Director Communications – 2017, Rally Tours – 2016, Vendor Chair – 2016
WBCCI Foundation President – 2020-Current

Education

MS in Manufacturing Management, GMI Engineering and Management Institute, Flint, MI – 1997
Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering, General Motors Institute, Flint, MI – 1981

Profession (Manager – Leader – Organizational Skills)

Program Manager for large projects or new programs at various automotive companies – 2003-2015
Product Engineering Manager, Sales, Liaison Engineer at American Axle & Manufacturing – 1994-2003
Sr. Product Engineer, Sr. Manufacturing Engineer at Saginaw Division General Motors – 1981-1994

Other (Leader – Organizational Skills – Communicator)

Girl Scouts of America Metro Detroit GS Council – Outstanding Leader Award – 1998; Day Camp Director – 2001-2006; Troop Leader/Co-Leader – 1989-2004
Boy Scouts of America – Cub Scout Den Leader/Webelos Den Leader/Cubmaster 1983-86 & 1993-95
Theta Phi Alpha Fraternity Guard of Honor Recipient – 2008; Theta Phi Alpha Foundation 2012-2016 (Chairman, Director of Communication); Board of Trustees – 1996-2008 (Chairman, Trustee); National Ritual Chairman – 1990-2002

Goals

To listen to our members to continue what we, as an International Club, are doing well and to search out equitable solutions to address issues and concerns that are identified.
To utilize our new website to keep our members informed and to attract new members.
To grow the base of and increase the benefits to our Lifetime Members. They have committed to the club and we need to commit to them.
To promote and utilize the WBCCI Foundation to expand its reach and its contribution to the club.

Linda Shelton



International Recording Secretary Nominee

Personal

Born August 31, 1951 in Odessa, TX

Began camping with my parents Johnny & Wilda Wadle from the age of 6, they bought their first Airstream in 1976 and became members of WBCCI in 1977

Graduated with a BA degree from UHK

Married to husband Gary, 5 years

Together we have 5 sons and 8 grandchildren

Home is in Georgetown, TX

WBCCI Experience

Member of Texas Tropical Trails Unit 1998

1st VP 1999, President 2000

Member of Texas Alamo Unit 2007

1st VP 2008, 2nd VP 2009, President 2010

Region 9 Officer: 2nd VP 2011, 1st VP 5 days 2012, President 2012-2014

Region 9 Membership Chair 2018

International Rallies DuQuoin, IL 2011, Sedalia, MO 2012, Lewisburg, WV 2016, Escanaba, MI 2017, Salem, OR 2018, Doswell, VA 2019, and Mid-Winter IBT Rallies 2012, 2013 and 2020.

Attended Region 9 Rallies since 1999

Other Rallies: San Antonio Fiesta Rally 2010

Work History

Secretary and Administrative assistant and other office work including payroll for several companies

Trevor Lake



International Treasurer Nominee

Personal

Married to Gale Lake for 44 years.

Reside in Marshfield, MA but building a house in Kingston, MA. We have two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

We currently own a 31 foot Classic and our granddaughter fondly calls it "The Bus", and can't wait to go out with us.

Professional

B.S. in Accounting from Bentley College, Waltham MA.

Worked at various accounting firms from 1976-1985.

Passed the CPA Exam and became a CPA in June of 1980.

Have worked for Lake & Ferzoco CPA's as a partner from December 1985 to present.

WBAC

Purchased our Airstream in 2000, and joined the club that same year.

Director

Unit President twice

Unit Treasurer 2002 to 2020

Region Treasurer 2002 to 2018

Unit and Region Assistant Caravan Leader 2003-14

International Caravan Leader - Nor by Nor East 2014-2020

Numerous International Rallies attended

International Delegate twice at International



The Art of AIRSTREAM COOKING

Gina Eggers, BRN 3732



Pizza and Margaritas

When you receive your *Blue Beret*, it will be early April, a month where spring has already arrived in many parts of the country, which can mean cooking outside while not wearing a winter parka at the same time. Our dear friends the Coffers, Sherri and Mooch, have been wintering in the Keys and southern Florida. I must say that all those photos of tropical drinks have gotten me thinking about summer! While us northerners (as well as Texans) were suffering double digit negative temperatures and oodles of snow in February, Sherri and Mooch were giving us updates on how high the temperatures were in Florida. Ok, I'm a bit jealous, though I

love the snow. I look forward to meeting many of you on the road again, without having to winterize the trailer first. Our first rally is Urban Air in Logan, OH in late April. If you are going, please look up Mark and I to say hi.

So, pizza happens to be easier to make from scratch than many other meals. One skillet, can be cooked indoors or out, and the toppings are numerous and flexible. Roasted potatoes with rosemary is one of my favorite toppings, so don't think you have to stick to the usual pepperoni.

Pizza Dough

2 ½ cups bread or pizza flour. If you don't have this, use all-purpose (unbleached only), or wheat flour.

1 teaspoon instant yeast (Red Star is my favorite). Store your yeast in the fridge or freezer when not using.

1 ¼ cup room temperature water

2 teaspoons olive oil for the dough (plus extra for oiling the pans)

2 teaspoons salt (withheld until after mixing everything else)

1. Mix everything but salt by hand in a large mixing bowl until combined well. Let sit 5 minutes, add salt and mix again. Put the dough on your countertop and knead by hand until dough feels smooth and elastic. If you find it is very sticky, you can add a bit more flour, but it should be tacky, not dry. Put back in the bowl and cover with plastic wrap, or my favorite, a plastic shower cap. The dough can sit at this point for the day (8+ hours), so it's best to make this in the morning. If it's very warm in your trailer, it will rise quickly but it's still ok to leave it. If you change your mind and want to bake tomorrow, you can always put the dough in the fridge overnight.

2. About 1 ½ - 2 hours before your desired mealtime, generously oil the bottom of your skillet or pan with 1 -2 tablespoons of olive oil.

Cut your dough in half and flatten and stretch out a bit, then place it in the pan(s). Press down with your fingers to spread around the bottom. Dimple it with your fingertips, covering the bottom in a uniform depth. The dough may not want to stretch to the edges because of the gluten elasticity. You can let it rest for 10 minutes and then try again. Cover the entire pan and let rise for 1 ½ - 2 hours, it should be puffy and look like a bubbly pillow mass.

3. About 30 minutes before baking, preheat your oven to 500 degrees.
4. Top dough with marinara sauce, pizza sauce or pesto. Go lightly on the sauce, only using about 1/2 cup. Put on whatever other toppings you want, like sliced red peppers, broccoli, fresh mushrooms or spinach. Go lightly on the toppings. This pizza is all about the crust and the cheese. Sprinkle with cheese (about 8 oz.) of any sort, a mix of cheeses is best. Wisconsin Brick cheese is great, or Monterey Jack. Go all the way to the edges, the more on the edges the better. Yes! The cheese goes on the top of the vegetables and/or meat toppings.
5. Bake for about 15 minutes until crusty and brown both on top and the crust. Every oven is different, so check often! You can also bake this on your grill with the lid closed if using a cast iron pan. Do not put a cookie sheet or cake pan on the grill though.
6. While the pizza is cooking make a pitcher of margaritas!



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This pizza is made in a 10" cast iron frying pan and makes two pizzas. I'd suggest cutting the final dough in half after mixing and storing in the freezer in a Ziplock bag. If you are serving a group, make both pizzas using a cake pan or a small 9" x 12" cookie sheet with sides for the second one. If your cast iron frying pan is larger than 10", you can always use more of the dough, or have a thinner crust. The crust here is a focaccia style crust, similar to what you'd find in a Detroit style deep dish pizza. The darker the pan, the better the crust, so cast iron is perfect.

And what goes better with pizza than beer? Margaritas! I recommend you make a pitcher-full while the pizza is cooking.



Gina Eggers and boyfriend Mark Kasten are owners of a 27' FB International Serenity, "Something Shiny." Gina has been a lifelong camper and foodie, attending classes and seminars around the United States on breads, grains and vegetarian/vegan and raw foods. She has been teaching classes at a kitchen store in Wisconsin and in hers and other homes. She is a member of the Bread Baker's Guild of America. You can reach Gina at upnorthbread@icloud.com and you can find her on Instagram at @upnorthbread.

Membership

Terri Warren #284, Chair



Things are definitely looking up! Our COVID cases and hospitalizations are going down, more and more people are getting vaccinated, and spring is here. The best part is, we can start camping and gathering more than we've been able to for several months. The CDC has just put out some guidance for people who have been vaccinated. By the time you receive this *Blue Beret* (I am writing in early March), these recommendations may be changed, of course. But for now, here is the CDC guidance on what fully vaccinated people should do:

Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing. Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing. Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic.

For now, fully vaccinated people should take precautions in public, like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing. Wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting unvaccinated people at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease or who have an unvaccinated household member at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease. Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and practice other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households. Avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings. Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Follow guidance issued by individual employers and follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations.

I understand this to mean if you and your friends have all have been vaccinated, they can come to dinner at your trailer again. And indeed, a group of vaccinated friends can gather together around a campfire in the evening or share a happy hour without social distancing. Vaccination is going to provide us with such freedoms that we haven't enjoyed in many months.

Hal and I have been volunteering to administer COVID vaccines for the past few months, and I can tell you that people are delighted to begin a new and less restrictive life. On one very busy day last week, I vaccinated 115 people, and as a nurse practitioner, it was one of the peak experiences of my career.

The Oregon Airstream Club has reopened for business, and in doing so, we've developed what we consider to be Best Practices. These will undoubtedly change as time passes and the COVID situation continues to improve. At rallies, we are restarting food, albeit at a cautious pace. Cecelia Stansbury helped us with information about how Region 12 did food at their region rally, and that is our example. All hosts who want to serve food will obtain an online food servers license. It takes about 30 minutes and costs less than \$10 here. Even after years of cooking and serving food at rallies, I really appreciated the refresher. The cost of food is not included in the rally's cost yet as some folks are still understandably uneasy about food they haven't made themselves. A menu and price are sent out to those who have signed up for the rally, so everyone knows exactly what to expect. If they want to participate, they notify the host, send payment, and it's game on! Food is prepared while wearing a mask and gloves and

is then placed into individual to-go containers for people to pick up. They can then join friends to eat together or take it back to their trailer site. In summary, the best practices here are:

1. Have those preparing food get a food handler's license
2. Send a menu to rally participants to see if they would like to participate
3. Prepare food wearing masks and gloves
4. Place food in to-go containers for guests to pick up

I'm sure there are many other ways to do this, including having a serving line with only the servers dishing up food as people move through the line, expressing preferences about which items they would like to put in their container. Thank you, Cecelia, for your great ideas.

In the next few months, I'll be sending out a link to a survey about your feelings about our Club. Perhaps it's time to have a way for members to express what they love about the Club, what they don't like as much, how they see improvements could be made, what you think about the culture of the Club, how you are using your membership, participation in rallies, etc. Your responses will be anonymous. The leadership of the Club can make decisions and plans all year long, but without your input, the stakeholders, you, your thoughts and opinions, are a missing element – one I don't think we should ever miss. Next month, I'll send you that link, and your participation will be most welcome.

Happy and safe camping!



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WBCCI Foundation

Annual Report for Period Ending December 31, 2020

Karen Fisher, President - WBCCI Foundation

Foundation Organization

The Foundation wants to recognize Tom Smithson and the team who worked so diligently to set up the Code of Regulation, Bylaws, and secure IRS approval as a 503(c)3 organization.

The WBCCI Foundation members had their initial meeting in February 2018. The initial Trustees of the Foundation were:

Robert Phelps	President	Region 3-6	Term 2017-2019
Doug Hart	Vice-President	Region 1-2	Term 2017-2019
Kurt Jorgensen	Secretary	Region 7-8	Term 2017-2020
Martin Berdan	Treasurer	Region 9-11	Term 2017-2020
Priscilla Bendel		Region 4-5	Term 2017-2019
Mike Able		Region 10-12	Term 2017-2020
Jim Cocke	WBCCI International President		Ex-Officio
Lori Plummer	WBCCI Corporate Manager		Ex-Officio

Vision and Mission Statement

The WBCCI Foundation invests in the charitable and educational needs of the communities, states, and nations of WBCCI members.

Recognition for Giving Levels Established

Wally's Gold	\$10,000 and up
Shining Silver	\$7,500 - \$9,999.99
Amazing Aluminum	\$5,000 - \$7,499.99
Caravanner	\$2,500 - \$4,999.99
Rally	\$1,000.01 - \$2,499.99
Boondocking	up to \$1,000

Other Activities

Financial accounts (checking and a securities account for acceptance of stock donations) were established and initial donations received.

Established communication with WBCCI membership through:

- An article about the Foundation and its status in the Blue Beret
- Preliminary development of a Foundation website
- Scheduled presentation about the Foundation at the 2019 International Rally in Doswell, VA

Adopted policy that 25-50% of Foundation assets will be distributed yearly starting in 2021.

Plans are in process to provide scholarships to high school seniors and camperships to youth in the location of the International Rally each year.

The first scholarships and camperships will be awarded in Lebanon, Tennessee.

A process for requesting grants from the Foundation is also being worked on. Grants can be requested to provide matching funds for a local club or region fund raising activity, for educational purposes (i.e., presentations at the International Rally, training for local club or region officers), or to provide funding to other organizations that meet the stated vision and mission of the Foundation.

Financial Report

The WBCCI Foundation Summary Report for the period 2018-2020 is included at the end of this article.

Updates to Foundation Board of Trustees Organization

- **Karen Fisher** was added to the Board of Trustees and elected President of the Foundation in November 2020, replacing Robert Phelps who wished to resign. Special thanks go to the following Trustees who have worked to establish the basis for the Foundation.
- **Robert Phelps** – Served as President from 2017 through November 2020. Bob helped establish the policies and procedures of the Foundation as the group worked to get the Foundation started.
- **Doug Hart** – Serving as Vice President. Term ended December 2019, but he is continuing to serve until a replacement from Regions 1-2 is identified.
- **Kurt Jorgenson** – Serving as Secretary. Term ended December 2020. This is an open position until a replacement from Regions 7-8 is identified.
- **Martin Berdan** – Serving as Treasurer. Term ended December 2020, but he is continuing to serve until a replacement from Regions 9-11 is identified.
- **Priscilla Bendel** – is serving a second term which will be finish in December 2022.
- **Mike Able** – Term ended December 2020, but he is continuing to serve until a replacement from Regions 10-12 is identified.
- I also wish to recognize the following WBCCI International Presidents who have served as Ex-Officio members of the Foundation – **Jim Cocke** (2017-2018), **Barry Bell** (2018-2019), **Mona Heath** (2019-2020), and **Andy Selking** (2020-2021). Finally, I wish to recognize **Lori Plummer**, WBCCI Corporate Manager and Ex-Officio member of the Foundation.

WBCCI Foundation Three Year Financial Summary 2018-2020*

US Bank checking account established July 18, 2018

Income/receipts/source

07/18/2018	Land O Lakes Unit 81 dissolution monies	\$ 3,750.00
08/08/2018	Airstream Adventure NW, Ted Davis	\$ 10,000.00
09/28/2018	Southeast Camping Unit donation	\$ 166.40

TOTAL INCOME \$ 13,916.40

Expenses

Quickbooks subscription	\$ 777.57
Chubb insurance	\$ 819.00
ELGiPage website	\$ 179.57
Bank service fees	\$ 10.00
Check printing fee	\$ 29.05

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 1,815.19

Ending Bank Balance 12/31/2020 \$ 12,101.21

Prepared January 8, 2021

Martin Berdan, Treasurer

*Un-audited Report

Help Wanted!

The WBCCI Foundation is looking for a few volunteers to serve as a Trustee on the Foundation Board. Terms are either 2 or 3 years with option to serve one additional 3-year term. One trustee is needed from each of the following paired regions: Region 1-2, Region 3-6, Region 7-8, Region 9-11, Region 10-12. For additional information, please contact Karen Fisher at fisherkjan@gmail.com. We need you!

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Gina Eggers, BRN 3732

Anatomy of a Murder Region 7 Rally

Rippling River Resort

Marquette, Michigan

August 19-24, 2021

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Definition of Yooper

: a native or resident of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The word Yooper, in use since about 1979, comes from the common nickname of Michigan's Upper Peninsula - the "U.P.". But it's only in recent years that those beyond the U.P. and its geographical neighbors have begun to encounter Yooper in common use. The word *Yooper* was added to the Merriam-Webster dictionary in 2014, after delegates from M-W visited us to see what being a Yooper was all about.

And what is *The Anatomy of a Murder*? Both a book written by U.P. judge John Voelker, and a classic 1959 movie starring Lee Remick and James Stewart. It is a true crime drama that occurred in Big Bay in 1952. The movie was filmed in Marquette. Our visit to Big Bay during the Region 7 rally will give you goosebumps!

The upper peninsula of Michigan is known for its clean water, clean air, forests, lakes and stunning flora and fauna. Yoopers are friendly folks, you'll find that everyone will want to talk to you and know where you are from. Marquette is the largest city, with about 21,000 people, and the center of life in the Yoop. It has a long history of logging and mining. There is so much to see and do, especially if you love the outdoors and history. Marquette lies along Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world by surface area.

Before you get to Marquette, if you are coming from the west or southwest, there are many places to visit along the way. The Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park in Ontonagon (near Ironwood on the west end of the U.P.) is one worth visiting. This 60,000-acre park is one of the few remaining large wilderness areas in the Midwest. It's home to a 35,000-acre old-growth forest, roaring waterfalls, miles of rivers and streams, more than 90 miles of hiking trails, camping, fishing, and the Lake Superior shoreline.

Also along the way is the Keweenaw peninsula, jutting up into Lake Superior with many options for sightseeing. The main city is Houghton, home of Michigan Tech University. And don't miss the Keweenaw Brewing Company in Houghton. At the tip of the peninsula is the small town of Copper Harbor, and the beautiful Fort Wilkins Historic State Park. The

campground frames Lake Superior on one side and Lake Fanny Hooe on the other, with historic Fort Wilkins a must-take tour. Don't miss visiting the Byzantine monk owned and operated Jam Pot in Eagle Harbor on your drive to Copper Harbor. Jams from locally picked berries, baked goods and breads are worth the visit, though the wait is often out the door.

If you will be crossing over the Mackinaw Bridge, and coming to Marquette from the East, you can't miss Tahquamenon Falls State Park in Paradise, and Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Munising. There is lovely camping at the State Park at Tahquamenon Falls, but not a lot of choices in Munising. One of the best is Tourist Park, a private campground but it fills up quickly in the summer. No worries, if you call and beg, or show up unannounced, they will usually put you in the back forty with no hook-ups. But camping directly on Lake Superior is well worth it!



Tahquamenon Falls

And Marquette, the jewel of Lake Superior! I'm a former troll (someone from lower Michigan, who is from below/under the Mackinac Bridge), who moved to the U.P. in 2006 and never looked back. There is solitude up here, but also a bustling small-town life. It's where you can kayak or sail, hike or ride a bike. There are paved paths along Lake Superior, and single-track through the woods if you bring your mountain bike. There is excellent food; everything from Cajun to steakhouse, Thai to Mexican. Some of

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Pictured Rocks, Munising, MI

my top picks are Elizabeth's (high-end steakhouse, reservations usually needed), Thai House, Lagniappe (Cajun), and right on the lake with outdoor seating is Iron Bay restaurant. For lunch I'd recommend Donckers, a local eatery and candy store that dates back to 1896!

The U.P. excels in its micro-breweries, and in Marquette you will find several. The Ore Dock Brewery and Blackrocks Brewery are two to check out. Want wine? Everyday Wines on Baraga St. sells most wines under \$20 that are vetted by owner Dan himself. You will find unusual and small production wineries; and I've never had one I didn't like. They also have a wine tasting and small plates restaurant named Zephyr, just a block away.

And what else to do in Marquette? Take a walk along the beach or around Presque Isle. Swimming is allowed most places and there are lots of beaches, but the water is cold! Visit the Maritime Museum. One of the requirements of visiting Marquette, where we take all new visitors, is on a hike up Sugarloaf Mountain. This small mountain, 15 minutes NW of Marquette, has an easy hiking trail with two options. Small children, dogs and senior citizens can make it easily in under 30 minutes. The view from the top is spectacular! You can see a great expanse of Lake Superior and the surrounding forests. A photo opportunity not to be missed.

I hope you come visit us!

Thank You to Region 7 for sharing your newsletter article with the *Blue Beret*.

Wildness is a Necessity

Vanette Harris, BRN 4097

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“Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wildness is a necessity.”

John Mire

I'm sure John Mire was referring to those big beautiful snow-capped mountains of the west when he made the above quote, but when one is traveling the country in their 22-foot trailer, discovering a “mountain”, in all its wildness, takes some creativity. My husband, David, and I were in south Louisiana for the month of January. Snow-capped mountains are hard to find in this area. “Hard to find” needs to be replaced by “impossible” but replacing mountain with mountainous and using it as an adjective puts the “wildness” squarely on our shoulders.

Mountainous...huge, extraordinary, breathtaking, high, immense, monstrously, mighty, towering, massive, bold, frightfully wild...

We parked in New Iberia, LA directly across from a “mountainous” sugar cane field. Our courtesy parking host was Sarah Bourque. She lives in a delightful Cajun cabin with her puppy named Sadie. Sarah and Sadie made us feel right at home...covered parking and full hookups. Sarah also knew all the right places to shop, eat, buy gas and buy fresh shrimp right off the boat.

As you might already know, Louisiana is famous for Cajun food, hot sauce, Mardi Gras, rice and sugar cane. David and I are originally from Louisiana,

but we had never lived or parked right across from a cane field. While we were at Sarah's, we had a front row seat to the duties of the sugar cane farmer. I can truthfully say, I never realized all the steps it took to put that bowl of sugar on my table. I've always heard that a farmer's work is never done, and this is most evident of these cane farmers. Half the sugar in the United States comes from sugar cane. The other half comes from sugar beets. It takes lots of early mornings and late nights before this “mountainous” process is finished...if it EVER really is.

Mike McDonald was the farmer that owned the crop across from us. Farmer McDonald had been friends of Sarah's for some time, so when I called for a phone interview, he was more than happy to talk to me. I discovered he has been a farmer for 30 years. His mother's and father's families were all farmers...mostly rice and cattle. Mike was into those areas for a while, but when his brothers and cousins came on board, they now concentrate on sugar cane only.

“It's definitely all in the family,” says McDonald. We all enjoy the independence and challenge of sugar cane farming.

Hmmm... “Old McDonald Had a Farm” certainly comes to mind. Farmer Mike might not have cows, horses, ducks, and sheep these days, but he has plenty to keep him busy throughout the year with his cane crops.

Sugar cane is a perennial plant, so the field doesn't have to be replanted



Courtesy Parking at Sarah Bourque's in New Iberia, LA



David Harris has a front row seat to watch the harvesting of the cane fields



Harvesting went on from early in the morning to late in the evening

again for 3-5 years...but after 5 years, the fields need to be plowed up and replanted. According to Farmer McDonald, planting is done in the month of August. I questioned him about 2020 with all those hurricanes. He said that they can wreak havoc on a field, but with the new more modern harvesters, the crops can be harvested with little or no loss.

Farmer McDonald went on to say that first the cane is cut, then the leaves are stripped off, and the stalks are chopped into smaller pieces by a combine or chopping harvesting machine. A conveyer arm transfers the pieces into a large truck, and the pieces are taken to a nearby sugar mill. A series of steps are involved in removing the sucrose (sugar) from the cane. The steps include washing the cane, crushing the cane, extracting the juice, filtering more impurities, boiling down the juice, spinning the juice to form crystals, and finishing up with raw sugar.

A "mountainous" amount of raw sugar is transported by barge down the Intracoastal waterway to the Domino Refinery near New Orleans, LA. Molasses gives raw sugar its brown color. At the refinery, the brown is removed from the sugar crystal with water, centrifuging, and carbon



Farmer Mike McDonald bringing over bags of raw sugar for us and Sarah

filtering. When you buy it off the shelf in the grocery store, it is pure white sugar...the real deal.

My goodness, I'll never take that spoonful of sugar I put in my coffee every morning for granted. Who knew what it took to get it to my table? And this story started from courtesy parking across from a sugar cane field and being curious about what happened next. Being "mountainously" curious...I might say.



After the crop is cut and trucked away, the egrets come and gobble up the leftovers



The big trucks overloaded with cane head to the mill to start the process of putting sugar on our tables



Courtesy Parking Hostess Sarah Bourque and her puppy Sadie

Johnson Shut-Ins State Park Trip

John Eckardt, BRN 7352

Remember Ninth Grade Geography? *Teacher - "Okay Class, is everyone ready for a test?" "Take out paper and pencil". First question. What is the highest elevation in Missouri and where is it? Hint—the elevation of Kansas City, MO is 951 ft. (above sea level). Also, "What is a Shut In"? Finally, "How many wineries are in Hermann, MO, population 2,754"? Hearing "Jeopardy" music yet?*

Since the Missouri River flows from northwest to southeast, I initially thought that the highest elevation in Missouri would be near the northwest corner of the state. Wrong! Ruler across the knuckles! Ouch! The highest elevation is at the top of the mountain in *Taum Sauk Mountain State Park*. This state park, along with *Johnson's Shut-Ins, St Joe, Sam A. Baker and Elephant Rocks State Park* are all relatively close together and in a location of southeast Missouri called the *St. Francois Mountains*. The mountains are really old for mountains. They are 1.485 billion years old and were formed by volcanic activity. By comparison, the Appalachians are 460 million years old and the Rockies are 140 million. Did I mention they were old? Oh, and the highest elevation in the state - 1,772 ft. Until now, I didn't know Missouri had mountains. I've skied in Colorado many times. Keystone Mountain for example is 12,408 ft. high and the longest ski slope there (*Schoolmarm*) is 3.5 miles long! Now that's a mountain! But 1,772 ft.? The dictionary states that a mountain is: "Mountain". *A landmass that projects conspicuously above its surroundings and is higher than a hill.* Okay, I guess it's a mountain.

For many years, I've heard of and wanted to visit these closely located state parks near St. Louis, especially *Johnson's Shut-Ins*. I remember hearing back in 2005, when the Taum Sauk Reservoir, a hydroelectric station, breached - sending 1.3 billion gallons of water down nearby Proffit Mountain. The breach changed the park by depositing large boulders and debris through many of the lower areas. According to a ranger there, many of the boulders were simply left at the main entrance as a remembrance of the event. Since we had five days and an RV, we decided to go see the effect of that breach and the other nearby state parks. Our trip took us on I-70 from Kansas City, skirting the southwest part of St. Louis, then south-southwest down I-55, US-67, State Route 32 and State Route 21 to *Johnson's Shut-Ins SP*. We camped in site 317 of loop 3, in the Park campground. Loop 3 is an electric only camp area. We tried getting into the full-service Loop 2, but it was full. The campground was clean, spacious, had plenty of shade and affordable, like most of Missouri's state parks. Best of all, it's centrally located to other close-by interesting areas.



Why the name, *Johnson's Shut-Ins*, for the 8,780-acre park? Earlier, I mentioned the area's "mountainous" origin. At this location, the East Fork of the Black River flows through the area. The term "shut-in" refers to a place where the river's width is limited by the hard rock formations that are resistant to erosion. The river is therefore "Shut-in", by the rock formations. The river flowing over and through these rocks as well as the general area within the park is truly wonderful. We hiked two scenic trails in the park our first day. They were the *Shut-Ins Trail* and the *East Fork Wild Area trail*. The Shut-Ins trail is 2.3 miles, was the more scenic of the two and follows the East Fork of the Black River and nearby rocky gorges. The views along the river and trail alone were worth the trip - and obviously popular based upon the number of hikers we saw on the trail.

After a few hours hiking at *Johnson's Shut Ins SP*, we drove about 20 miles east to *Taum Sauk Mountain State Park*. This state park is about the same size as Johnson's at around 9,000 acres. The east entrance, off of Mo



72/21 was a little difficult to find and the park is generally in more of a "natural state" and not as developed as other state parks we've been in. For example, some of the interior roads were gravel and the camping is limited to tent camping only. However, the park possesses the highest point in the state of Missouri, the 132-foot Mina Sauk Falls waterfall, access to the 230-mile Ozark Trail and the Taum Sauk lookout tower. We skipped the waterfall because we didn't think there would be water flowing at the time of the year (October) and because it was part of a 3-mile walk. We also skipped the 230-mile Ozark Trail hike because,

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well... We did however walk the 200-300 ft. level hike from the parking lot to the “survey confirmed” highest point in Missouri (see photo). We also drove the short drive to the *Taum Sauk Lookout Tower*.



Through much of the early 1900s, into the 1960s, 260 fire watch towers were located along the southern portion of Missouri as the primary way to spot forest fires. There are about 60 remaining. During the time of the lookout tower's use, men and women would spend hours scanning the surrounding area for smoke and flames. These potential fire areas could be miles away. To accurately hone in on the fire's location, the spotters would use an *Osbourne Fire Finder* and record the azimuth, which is the angle between the fire and another known location. After the 1960's though, airplanes, increased population and more technical communication equipment replaced the need for the towers.

The Taum Sauk lookout tower is 72-feet high, was constructed in 1949 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the only watchtower in the state of Missouri with a catwalk that is still in use. I got excited when we drove down the short entry road and saw the tower. Like many I imagine, I have a “love-hate” relationship with towers, and heights in general. It wasn't very windy the day we were there and the tower access was open, so I started up. This is the “love” part. The unflinching but untested confidence combined with the anticipation of



a wonderful view that could not possibly be seen just as well on the ground. The first floor was fine. The stairs felt firm, solid and wide and there were hand grips on both sides, perfect. By the second floor, I thought of one of my good friend's recent visits to his doctor for an annual physical when he was advised to “*never get on a ladder at his age*”. It was not lost on me that we were the same age. The higher I climbed, the more concentration I felt I needed. I never used to need concentration - I just went. Now I need it. On the third level, near the top, a bumblebee buzzed my head. Several times. I haven't mentioned, but in the last few years, I've developed a hint of vertigo. Not to the extent of that in the 1958 Hitchcock movie *Vertigo* starring Jimmy Stewart, but still a little bit. My doctor said not to worry, it was nothing. The bee did not help though. Near the top, that woozy, light-headed feeling started creeping in and my palms were starting to sweat. It was not the weather. I also remember thinking that the top of the tower was moving in the wind. Just below the highest level, both hands on the rail, I looked up to see that the top access was boarded and blocked off and signs stating to **Go No Further!** No problem! The way down was much easier. Back to the love part. Thinking back, I *believe* the views were good but not totally sure? A lot of trees. I totally forgot to look for a fire. Stupid bee.



Back on the ground, we hopped in the truck and drove about 20 miles north to our favorite stop on the trip, *Elephant Rocks State Park*. The park is small and very accommodating for a picnic and short hike. There is no campground. The highlight of the park is the series of billion-year-old pink granite rock formations extending throughout the park, including the entrance friendly picnic area. A one-mile braille signed loop above the campground was helpful in making the walk accessible for all. We spent about two hours there with a lunch and thoroughly enjoyed it.





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We were told by one of the Park Rangers that the ice cream in the nearby town of *Caledonia* “was really, really good” and since we were only about 10-miles away, we went there next. It’s a pretty small town, only a few hundred population, but close by and well worth the trip. The entire Village is listed on the U.S. Department of the Interior historic register with over 20 homes, businesses and churches to visit. Driving around the town didn’t take long, and we eventually stopped at what looked like the main attraction - *The Old Village Mercantile*. The Mercantile was built in 1909 and was like walking into a store from an old Turner Classic Movie. We had a coffee while strolling around the store, looking at the two floors of candy, antiques, gifts and the old fashion ice cream case. A good stop.



I read one travel website which stated that all four of these stops (*Johnson Shut-Ins SP, Taum Sauk Mountain SP, Elephant Rocks SP and the Town of Caledonia*) could be seen in one day. I think that’s possible but I also believe many interesting aspects of the trip would be missed. I think two to three days is a reasonable stay. Canoeing is also good in this area, depending on the time of year.

Since it was October (Octoberfest), we planned to stay near Hermann, MO on the way back to Kansas City. On a prior trip to Hermann, we stayed at *Graham Cave SP* and really liked the campground and park. One can easily hike to the Cave from the campground. *Graham Cave SP* has easy access and generally located on the north side of I-70 at mile marker 170. It’s only 20 miles north of Hermann. When *Graham Cave SP* is full, we’ve camped at the *Lazy Day Campground*, located just south of *Graham Cave* ([Home \(lazydaycampground.com\)](http://Home(lazydaycampground.com))). In the two times we’ve camped at the *Lazy Day*, an RV Club has been there as well.

Hermann is a beautiful and historic town to visit, with many all-brick structures and over 150 buildings on the historic register. And many people do visit, as the town of about 2,300 population has over 40 bed and breakfast locations. We’ve visited Hermann many times and enjoy walking around the town seeing the architecture, German heritage and live-music at the wineries during Octoberfest. According to the City’s website, Germans in Philadelphia in the mid-1830’s purchased lots from school teacher George Bayer, who had previously purchased 11,000 acres where Hermann now exists. Planners in Philadelphia platted the property and lots were sold. When the boat arrived from St. Louis carrying



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Got Mold?

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It is time to be out and about in your Airstream, whether on a rally, a caravan, or a trip on your own. But while camping or glamping in your Airstream means fun, it also means the possibility of mold and mildew growing under your mattresses. Ugh but true!

Overview

As you sleep on your mattress, your body heat warms and increases the temperature of the mattress. Some of that heat radiates out of the top and sides of the mattress, but a lot of it radiates out of the bottom. This allows moisture from your body to be absorbed by your mattress, passing through the pores of the mattress, eventually getting to the bottom. According to research by a professor from the University of Florida, 25% of the moisture that the body produces during the night can be absorbed by your mattress.

The type of your mattress can enhance the problem. While memory foam mattresses are popular for their comfort, most are made of at least 60% polyester fabrics or plastics that are not known for absorbing moisture. Plus they are typically very dense, leading to less airflow, more heat retention, relatively hotter surfaces and thus, more moisture. To make matters worse, if the mattress itself is warmer than the surface the mattress is lying on (it usually is), that temperature difference causes moisture to condense at the bottom of the mattress. Of course, the more humid the environment, the bigger the problem, and the faster moisture will accumulate.

Now, even at this stage, if the surface below your mattress is breathable, the moisture will evaporate and eventually go away. However, if your mattress is on a base which is non-breathable, moisture will become trapped and eventually accumulate. When the moisture can't evaporate, its presence can lead to mold or mildew buildup. That warm, moist, dark area under your mattress becomes the perfect silent breeding ground for mold and mildew.

Since our mattresses rest directly on plywood or other types of flat hard surfaces, and these surfaces allow for little to no air circulation underneath the mattress, the perfect dark, moist environment for mold and mildew to silently grow is ever present under our mattresses in our Airstreams. The thing with mold is that once it grows, the parts of it which remain unseen are far more than the parts you can actually see and remove. So,

if the situation is not dealt with, you could very quickly end up sleeping on a moldy mattress every night. The mold will eventually damage the wood under your mattress and could potentially threaten your health as the spores break off and become airborne in the closed environment of the Airstream. Unless you regularly check under your mattress, you may never know if this is happening. We have many members who have experienced this situation personally, or know people who have dealt with it.



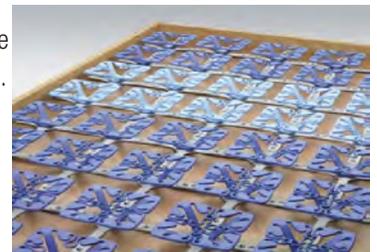
The good news is that the under-mattress mold and mildew growth is preventable. The best way to make sure that no moisture ever builds up under your mattress is to ensure 24/7 airflow underneath with an anti-condensation ventilation mattress underlay. This article discusses three solutions that provide anti-condensation air flow under their mattress.

Solution A: Froli System

Solution A, and the most expensive by far, is the Froli System. Froli Systems consist of a mattress foundation made from individual plastic spring pads that are firmness adjustable. RVers typically get the "Star" system with smaller springs. "Each plastic spring is made from a very durable Hi-Tech thermoplastic elastomer. This material provides durability, memory, and precise flexing under load" according to the manufacturer.

There is "some assembly required" with the System. A plastic base is attached to the wood deck or support via screws. The plastic springs are then snapped into place on the base. The springs elevate the mattress slightly above the deck, allowing air to circulate under the mattress and provide pressure relief to the mattress. If anything happens to the springs, they can be easily replaced.

The system is modular and can be sized to fit any size or shape sleeping surface, whether twin, queen, or something else. You can



purchase the system through a dealer or online at <https://nickleatlantic.com/products/froli-star-sleep-system> and it is sometimes available on Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/Froli-19903-Star-Basic-Package/dp/B002BW7NA0>. If you are lucky, you can find discounts through a sales representative, say at the International Rally. The Star System can run \$300-\$500 or more depending on what components you purchase.

Solution B: Den-Dry

Solution B is the Den-Dry Mattress underlay by Ravenwolf Marine, available on Amazon. https://www.amazon.com/Ravenwolf-Marine-Den-Dry-Mattress-Underlay-Queen/dp/B07BHJRDDG/ref=pd_ip_o_263_t_0/131-0717421-7928401?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=B07BHJRDDG&pd_rd_r=c4636b4e-4576-4def-b803-8970050c7a0&pd_rd_w=MnQy3&pd_rd_wg=UHLgt&pf_rd_p=16b28406-aa34-451d-8a2e-b3930ada000c&pf_rd_MRAS329C4088HJJ41S7J&psc=1&refRID=MRAS329C4088HJJ41S7J

Den-Dry consists of breathable black fabric with rows of black spun polymer bulges attached underneath. The queen size comes in one long 120" piece, which you cut in half to make 2 strips, 39" wide 60" long that lay cross-wise on the plywood deck. In an Airstream you will need also to trim the radius corners.



The manufacturer claims "Cross Channels provide Superior Airflow" and there is a 3" flap for joining multiple panels after it is cut. The bulge material is spun recycled polypropylene that supports the mattress and does not crush. Cutting the polymer can be a bit tricky, but doable with very sharp scissors. You can staple the top of the piece to the top of the wooden decking to keep it in place yet allow the bed to be raised up when accessing the under bed areas. Or not as the case may be. An added bonus is that this product does not catch or scratch when someone is walking around the bed. Cost is \$100 for the Queen size, \$79.95 for one Twin, plus tax but with free shipping.

Solution C: Hypervent

Solution C is the Hypervent underlay, which consists of a similar breathable fabric to Den-Dry (but white) with a thick squiggly matrix of white polymer attached to the underside. Again, cutting the polymer is tricky, but doable. There are several suppliers, but the best deal appears to be \$9.99/per foot from this site: <https://www.mattressinsider.com/mattress-condensation-prevention.html>. It too is sold in 39" width and any length up to 50 ft., plus tax and shipping. For a short Queen, you would need 10 ft., cut in half and laid cross-wise like the Den-Dry, at a cost of

about \$100 plus tax and shipping. Many people on Air Forums have suggested this as an option for avoiding under



mattress condensation. However, unlike Den-Dry, where the polymer is formed in bulges with open channels of fabric, the polymer matrix covers the entire underside of the fabric and the edges of the underlay may catch or scratch a person walking around the bed unless they are covered with tape.

Hopefully you will never have the issue of moisture causing mold and mildew under your mattress. But an ounce of prevention, as I learned from my Mom, may ensure you never have to throw away your mattress due to mold or mildew growth on the underside.

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Johnson Shut-Ins

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the new Philadelphia German residents, many were dismayed to find their purchased lots were actually vertical cliffs or on steep hills, as the planners back east assumed the land was flat. They decided to use the hills for making wine. Those who visit now are able to benefit from this long-ago initial mishap and eventual solution. There are two wineries in the City of Hermann, *Stone Hill* and *Hermannhof*. However, the *Adam Puchta* winery is only located about one mile southwest and *OakGlenn* is about one mile east. The Missouri Wineries list (<https://missouriwine.org/>) shows more than 19 wineries along the Missouri River between Hermann and St. Louis. The *Montelle* Winery near Augusta was recently voted the most scenic, and we agree, with its offering of a beautiful view from their mountain winery overlooking the Missouri River Valley to the west. The *Defiance Ridge* Winery, just a few miles east, had the best live music on our recent visit. And who can pass up visiting a winery in a city named *Defiance*? A few years ago, we toured four wineries in Napa Valley California. If one hesitates spending \$25 for a wine tasting at Robert Mondavi or \$100 for a bottle at the Peju Winery, a very good alternative is the Hermann, MO wine tour. The scenery is just as good, if not better and after the first tasting, the perception of the quality difference between the two area wines narrows greatly.

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Airstreams to Scandinavia and Russia in 1960 - Part 2

We continue with WBCCI members #163 Roy and Lorraine Wass, #165 Oscar and Etta Payne, #598 Joe and Toots Bos, and #1166 Horace and Alice Dickey just after their arrival in Moscow on July 29, 1960.

The evening of their arrival, this group took a bus into town for dinner at the Metropole Hotel and a movie (in Russian) at a Panorama Theatre. Afterward, they took a wrong bus and ended up stranded somewhere else in Moscow, a city of 5,000,000...at midnight! Eventually a woman helped them find the right bus to get them back to their snug Airstreams.

On Saturday July 30, the Bos's and Waas's took the Metro (subway) to the swimming stadium to watch a water ballet and other acrobatic performances.

On Sunday July 31, all four caravan families took a 3-hour walking tour of the Kremlin after waiting in a long line with the locals. The guide was able to answer questions in English. The walls of the Kremlin enclosed 65 acres and housed several palaces and churches, all built of deep red bricks. Within its buildings they saw amazing jewels and treasures made of gold and silver amassed by the Czars. Even the harnesses for the coach horses were set with hundreds of diamonds and emeralds. When told that millions starved while the Czars accumulated such wealth, they came to understand why the poor eventually revolted and embraced Vladimir Lenin's claim that there would never again be a rich man in Russia. After exiting the Kremlin, they walked across

Red Square to tour St. Basil's cathedral with its colorful onion shaped domes. After a long wait in another line, they visited the tombs of Vladimir Lenin and Joseph Stalin.

The next day they took a city tour and found most avenues to be very wide and those that weren't were having their buildings moved back to widen them. The view of the Kremlin from across the river was more impressive than seeing it up close had been. They visited some of the newest, modern housing complexes consisting of clusters of six to eight story apartment houses that were being built in great numbers, all utilizing centralized heating plants that would heat all the buildings within a several square block area. Most families lived in one to three room flats that were owned by the state. The rent was cheap because the meager wages made it hard to buy anything of real substance. As in Leningrad, most of the stores were empty and those that did have food had long lines waiting to get it.

On their last full day in Moscow, the Paynes and Bos's were able to secure tickets to the Siberian Ballet at the Bolshoi Theatre. The huge theatre covered almost a city block and was decorated inside with chandeliers and frescoed ceilings. It could seat 2000 on the main floor with 5 levels of balconies above.

It took a bit of maneuvering with the local officials, but when the caravanners pulled out of camp to leave Moscow on August 3, a young man guided their rigs to the Exhibition of Achievements of National Economy (abbreviated

Moscow, Russia



Long Line in Red Square Waiting to Enter the Tombs of Lenin and Stalin



Children at an Apartment Complex in Moscow



Airstreams at Main Gate of the VDNKh Exhibition in Moscow



Friendship of Nations Fountain at the VDNKh Exhibition

VDNKh in Russian) and then to Red Square for photos. At Red Square, the local press interviewed the caravanners for a story in the Moscow newspaper. Their rigs caused quite a commotion among locals who wanted to see inside yet didn't want to be seen talking to an American.

From Red Square they began a two-day drive south through Russia to Kharkov, just across the border in the Ukrainian S.S.R. (now Kharkiv, Ukraine). Along the way they passed numerous villages and cities, many fields of grain and fruit orchards, and large herds of dairy cattle grazing on rolling hills. Most homes had ducks or geese, often tended by children or the very old.

They found Kharkov to be an industrial city of nearly 1,000,000 surrounded by 752 collective farms and 75 state farms. The caravanners wanted to visit a collective farm but were told they could not unless they were some sort of official delegate or representative. Not easily deterred, after much pleading and pestering, they were eventually permitted to visit the Shevchenko Collective Farm and were surprised to find that the houses, equipment, and livestock were owned by the collective in difference to a state farm where everything was owned by the state and the workers were just paid a daily wage. The collective was 3000 acres in size and contained two schools. 450 people worked the farm, tending to grain, vegetables, orchards, and cattle, including dairy cows. Others from the collective worked in factories in the city. Each family had a house and ¾ of an acre for their personal garden. Most houses had electricity, but few had modern indoor plumbing.

After 2 nights at Kharkov, they were off again on August 6 to head to Kiev (now Kyiv, Ukraine). Along the way the collective farms began to look more prosperous than the one they had visited, many with new barns covered in red tiles.

Throughout Russia, it was hard to find decent 93 octane gas even though their tourist coupons allowed them to purchase the better grade. In Kiev, a city of 1,000,000, they looked for a filling station with that grade for hours before

they finally went to the Intourist Office and were provided a guide to the one station that had the good gas.

August 7 was their longest scheduled drive to Lvov (now Lviv, Ukraine). After navigating across Kiev in the early morning, they faced 315 more miles to Lvov. It was rainy and there were many stretches of road construction and muddy, rutty detours. During a panic stop on a slippery road, the Waas's jackknifed their rig. Late in the afternoon a universal joint on the Bos's truck went out and Oscar Payne changed it on the side of the road while the Police watched. About dusk, a bus load of teachers on vacation from Estonia stopped them and wanted to see their Airstreams. It was midnight when they reached Lvov. The Paynes and Wass's could not find their designated campsite and camped on the side of the road. The next morning a man led them to the Intourist Hotel where they found the Bos's and Dickeys parked.

As the caravanners prepared to exit the U.S.S.R. the next day, they reflected on how clean the streets and sidewalks were in each city they visited. Even the passenger trolleys had water tanks to wash the streets. The caravanners were told that each night when they entered camp, they needed to wash their rigs or face getting a fine. One time in Leningrad, Joe Bos was in line to buy some potatoes at a local stand and turned over his basket to dump out the old onion skins on the ground and he was immediately approached by a Secret Service Agent and told he needed to pick them back up!

By the time they reached Kiev, they had already driven 2000 miles in "Russia". Their last day's drive to Ushgorod (now Uzhhorod, Ukraine) at the Czechoslovakia border would add a couple hundred more miles to that total. This was a sunny day with beautiful scenery along the road. Exiting the U.S.S.R. was easier than expected as an Intourist representative was there to help them and bid them "farewell". The "greeting" they received on the Czechoslovakia side could not have been more different. The burly Czech Customs Officials exhibited a military discipline and no friendliness, much like they had seen

Red Square, Moscow



Huge GUM Department Store at Red Square



St. Basil's Cathedral at Red Square



Airstreams in Front of the State Historical Museum at Red Square



Airstreams Lined Up at the Kremlin Wall



Oscar Payne and Rig at the Kremlin Wall

months earlier in Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. After another thorough search, they were on their way but being late in the day they made it only a few miles past the border before they asked for permission to park at a farm for the night. After their evening meal, their peace and quiet came to an end when a large group of teenagers arrived. They banged on the trailers and sang and danced and revved up the motors on their motorbikes. Eventually one of their mothers came along and shooed them all back home.

In some ways, everything seemed slightly better in Czechoslovakia. The countryside was more picturesque with mountains and valleys and grain being harvested. There were more flowers in gardens and more ducks and geese in yards. There were more new houses, more cars, more traffic, and more food in the stores. Filling stations for gasoline were more plentiful in contrast to Russia where they found that Leningrad only had two stations and Moscow only thirteen. There were many factories for producing modern machinery, yet the people appeared to be oppressed and dissatisfied and were afraid to be seen talking to Americans. A Hammer and Sickle or Red Star adorned everything indicating government ownership.

After a three-day drive across Czechoslovakia, the caravanners arrived in its capital city of Prague (now in the Czech Republic), where they finally found a garage to make some repairs. The Paynes and Dickeys had various items on their trucks repaired and the Bos's had the front of their Airstream's shell reattached to its frame, something they could not find anyone to repair in Russia. The Bos's slept in the trailer in the service garage over night when the repair took longer than expected. They learned from the service man how the Russians had taken everything away from the Czech people. No significant compensation was provided for the confiscated property and the people were then forced to work in factories for meager wages. The state owned everything and even told the service man what he could and could not work on. In secret, the Bos's learned that because this service man had some German ancestry, he would never be allowed to get a passport

or leave Czechoslovakia. He said that anyone that spoke against the state was imprisoned for two to six years, so everyone was afraid of their shadow. He said that it was even worse in Hungary and Romania. He seemed relieved to be able to pour his heart out to an American in private.

The caravanners did not have much time for sightseeing in Prague, but not to be missed were the 15th Century Astronomical Clock and St. Vitus Cathedral.

As the caravanners prepared to depart from Prague, the Waas's went their separate way toward Geneva, Switzerland to meet a granddaughter. The remaining group of three drove to the German border at Zelezný Ruda, Czechoslovakia, but found the border station closed. They had a long backtrack before they could head a different direction to the border station at Rozvodov, Czechoslovakia. Being late in the day, they decided to spend the night on the side of the road before attempting to go thru Customs.

The following day, on August 13, they crossed the border into Germany ending their trip behind the Iron Curtain. This group of three then started a leisurely trip to catch back up with the European Caravan in time to see the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome. Their route took them through Munich, where they were able to pick up their first mail since they left Copenhagen about 2 months prior.

On a steep downgrade between Garmish-Partenkirchen, Germany and Innsbruck, Austria, Horace Dickey missed a downshift and his truck and Airstream freewheeled off the side of a mountain road. Trees slowed the descent and Horace and Alice praised their seatbelts for preventing any serious injury, but their entire rig was totaled so they decided to fly home.

On August 21, the Bos's and Paynes were the last two rigs to end their grand side trip to Scandinavia and Russia when they caught the European Caravan at Foligno, Italy, the day before it would proceed to Rome for the Olympics.

Ukrainian S.S.R. and Czechoslovakia



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Hello out there. My term ends with the May article - I am retiring! We need your questions and suggestions so that this section continues with uninterrupted information for the Airstream membership. As the vaccination process proceeds forward, we will begin to develop that "herd immunity" we hear about. And we will be able to have more rallies with greater personal safety. I am really looking forward to some camping this year. I look forward to seeing you, safely, down the road.

Electric Conversion for gas-only RV Water Heaters

This article is for information for all of you and for fun for those of you that are interested in doing your own work. Someone wrote in about one of these electric conversion kits for RV water heaters. This is one of the upgrades/conversions that I had not done! It sounded interesting, and because electric water heaters are much quieter in the night, I thought I would give it a go.

There are two popular electric conversion kits for gas-only RV water heaters: (1) **Camco 6 Gallon Hot Water Hybrid Heat Kit (11673)**; and (2) **Diamond Group DGR6VP Diamond HR6 Hott Rod Conversion Kit 6 Gallon**. These kits also are available in a ten-gallon version. The directions for installation are similar for both. Both install with or without an illuminated on/off switch. Photos and diagrams are also included with the kit. These kits are readily available from Amazon.com, other sources may be available by googling.

Camco has a stainless-steel heating cartridge that heats the water to temperatures ranging from 90° to 150° F. The kit includes On-Off power switch with mounting bracket and fully adjustable thermostat. All necessary power cords and color-coded wire assemblies are also included. 15A/120 V electrical service is required for use. The thermostat is factory preset to 120° F.

A Diamond conversion kit installer said: "This kit was easy to install. The directions were detailed and easy to follow. I used a socket wrench (1-1/16") to remove the anode rod, flushed out the tank, and inserted the heating element using the correct adapter included in the kit. Then I drilled a hole in the spot shown in the directions to run the heater cord through, attached the thermostat to my tank from inside the camper, attached the power cord and heater cord according to the directions, and ran it under my cabinet to a plug-in. I did not plug it in until I filled my tank with water and checked for leaks. You must have water hooked up and running to your camper, and the tank full, to use this kit. If you plug it in without water in your tank, the heating element will burn out, void the warranty, and could cause a fire. Just make sure you are hooked up to water and electric before plugging it in or flipping the switch if you installed one. Follow the directions and the color-coded connectors."

If you have both an anode rod and a drain plug, then you can leave the anode rod in and use this where the drain plug is, otherwise this replaces your anode rod.

If you have a common set-up, make sure you have a 1-1/16" socket and a 1-1/4" deep socket. You will need both and not every hardware store carries them.

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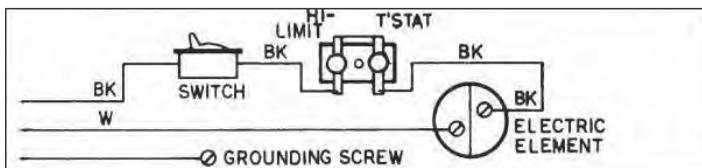
In Memoriam

The officers and members of Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. express their sympathy to the families and friends of these departed members.

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Simpkins, Loretta (115-WV).....	#20129
Stevens, Richard (009-AZ).....	#6150
Wheeler, Dot (032-GA).....	#4085

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You might need a 30mm socket for the external bolt and a 1-1/8 socket for the internal bolt and the original rod. The thermometer is flat, and the water tanks are not flat. You might need to add some silicone for it to stick.



The schematic above applies to both kits for propane to AC conversion. Remember to disconnect the power supply before wiring. And do not forget to fill the tank with water before turning the AC heater on. BK is black wire and W is white wire in the diagram. All wiring used should be 14GA or 12GA, 105 degrees C, stranded wire, or equivalent.

Both kits note that the thermostat is flat while the surface of the water heater tank is curved. Find the flattest spot for installation of the thermostat and make extra efforts to insure a solid and durable connection

between the thermostat and the hot water tank. You will have to remove some tank insulation to complete the installation. I used plumber's tape to encircle the tank and fasten the thermostat tightly in place. [Plumber's tape is a metal tape, about 1/2" wide, with multiple holes in it. You may need nuts and bolts to assemble the tape and fasten or tighten it in place.] I did not use the adhesive provided as it seemed to be inadequate for the job. You may find that it is easiest to complete this work if you remove the burner piping that blocks access to the drain plug.

The illuminated switch provided may be installed inside the trailer or inside the water heater compartment. I found that the switch was somewhat redundant in that I had to plug the trailer into power anyway. I use the cord to the thermostat and plug into the shore power either directly or on a splitter off the shore power cord.

I have used this electric water heater several times and have found it to be very convenient (and quiet).

Happy trails to you, see you SAFELY down the road.

Saving Energy while Airstreaming

Tim Doherty, BRN 27507



It is said that you should only write about what you know; I'll write about energy for this column. I have, for most of my 40-plus year career, been involved in energy. The use of energy, the sources of energy, and the conservation of energy, analyzing the economics of, and implementing conservation and renewable projects. My first professional work was as power and heating plant engineer, first aboard ships, and then in shoreside power plants. Next, I was an automation engineer, automating commercial building systems so that they save energy and power. For the last 28 years of my career, I administered energy conservation programs for gas and electric utilities, helping our customers save energy and power.

So, what can Airstreamers do to save energy?

First and foremost, inflate your tires to the proper recommended pressure. This is easy to do and it helps increase the life of your expensive tires by promoting proper wear. The precise pressure for each tow vehicle, trailer, and motorhome will vary, but the point here is that you ensure your tires are not under-inflated. Under-inflated tires will cause you to use substantially more energy, and transportation fuel is our greatest energy expense. Some of you have tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMS), and these are a great way to ensure proper inflation. If you don't have a TPMS, here are two things you can do: monitor your mileage, and visually inspect your tires daily. Low tire pressure will be made evident by decreased fuel mileage. It's easy to do a walk-around of the vehicle and trailer daily to observe their status.

Second method to save energy: Slow down! Wind resistance increases exponentially with your speed. The faster you go, the greater percentage of energy consumption goes to overcoming wind resistance. Besides, speed kills and slower is safer, and what's your hurry anyway?

Third method: replace any incandescent lights in your camper with LED technology. LED lighting has advanced more rapidly than any technology that I have ever worked with. There is now an LED option for nearly every lighting application. LED lights last longer and use less energy than incandescent, which will save you in the long run. This is also important because energy efficient lighting will help preserve precious battery capacity while boondocking. LEDs cost more to purchase than incandescent, but they pay for themselves many times over. Incandescent never pays for itself.

Fourth method: Reduce your weight. No, I'm not talking about eating fewer s'mores - I would never suggest that. I'm referring to your camper; you may be hauling more stuff than you need. I know that we were definitely hauling more than we needed in our first year of full timing. After gaining

experience, we learned of what we can do without. We left a lot of things behind during our last visit home. If you don't think the extra weight takes more energy, try walking around for a day with a backpack full of rocks. Alrighty then.

Fifth method: Turn it off! Remember when your dad used to yell at everyone to turn off the darn lights when you weren't in the room? "I'm not made of money!" he would exhort. It turns out dad was right (as usual); your lights can't use energy when they are not on. Some folks also turn off their propane gas solenoid when not using propane, which saves electricity and is also a safe thing to do. Shut off your inverter/charger when not needed. This will also save some of that precious battery capacity when boondocking. Your inverter/charger uses energy whenever it is on, even if it is not powering devices.

Sixth method: turn down your thermostat at night and cuddle up under nice warm sleeping blankets or sleeping bags. I don't know about you, but I sleep better in the cool. You can have your doggie or kitty cuddle up to you too. You've heard of a "three dog night" haven't you? Well, it works. Turn off your furnace and water heater when away. This reduces standby losses. Your unit will heat up quickly when you return. So will your water heater.

In warm weather, if you have cool nights, turn off your air conditioner, and open windows and turn on your roof fan. This uses a lot less energy.

How much will you save by implementing some of these ideas? That amount will vary, depending on a number of factors: how much you drive each year, how much time you spend in your camper, and on your energy behaviors.

Most people rarely or never think about energy conservation. Why should they when energy is so cheap? However, using less energy also preserves your assets: your batteries, your engine, your tires, and so on. Let's say you saved \$500 in a given year by being energy efficient. That \$500 stream of savings could be worth over \$2,700 after five years. That's a lot of pink flamingos.

Thank You to Region 7 for sharing your newsletter article with the *Blue Beret*.



Earth Day is an opportunity to celebrate our planet and environment.



- The first Earth Day was April 22, 1970.
- Earth Day went global in 1990.
- About 1 billion people recognize Earth Day each year.
- Earth Day always falls on April 22.

Make your own Earth Day Treat

Dirt Cups



WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO MAKE THIS DIRT CUP RECIPE:

- 1 – 15 oz package of chocolate cookies – I used Oreos
- 1 – 3.9 oz package chocolate instant pudding mix
- 2 cups cold milk
- 24 gummy worms
- 9oz clear plastic cups or smalls serving bowls

Earth Day Word Search

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HOW TO MAKE DIRT CUPS:

Place the cookies into a resealable plastic bag, crush with a rolling pin into crumbs – or you can use a food processor.

In a large bowl, whisk together the chocolate pudding mix and milk, stirring for 2 minutes

Sprinkle 1/3 of the cookie crumbs into the bottom of a small serving bowl, add chocolate pudding mixture on top.

Top with remaining crushed Oreo cookies.

Add 2-3 gummy worms on top.

Refrigerate the dirt cups until serving.



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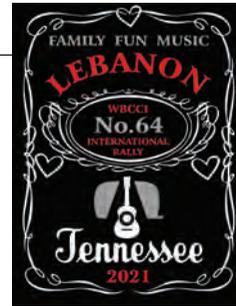
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Lebanon, Tennessee

Susan Martin, BRN 4334



Hey, fellow Airstreamers, the time is drawing nearer for our International Rally in Lebanon, TN. We have told you about so many exciting and interesting things to see in the area of the Rally, but there is more to Tennessee than the rich history, culture and heritage of this very central heart of the state.

For those of you coming from the west, many of you will enter the state via I-40. This brings you into the thriving metropolis of Memphis, itself a treasure trove of musical, historical and cultural treasures.

For those music lovers among us, you won't want to miss Graceland, the home of Elvis, and a must see for most people visiting Memphis. You can also visit Beale Street, home of the blues. And the Stax Museum of American Soul Music will be reopened in the next month, providing informative tours.



History buffs will find the National Civil Rights Museum and Lorraine Motel a deeply moving and educational experience. Predating even that august venue is Slave Haven at the Burkle Estate - the location of an important Underground Railroad stop and today an important source of information about that part of our history.

Memphis has lovely Botanical Gardens and the Memphis Zoo, two wonderful outdoor activities you can enjoy. There is also Mud Island Park, located on a large island in the middle of the Mississippi River. It is mainly an outdoor venue also where you can take a picnic or just enjoy the views. There is a river museum (charging a fee) which has some interesting exhibits. And, last but far from least are the Peabody ducks. The ducks continue their marches through the lobby at 11 am and 5 pm each day, though there are health restrictions in place, so come early and prepared to be masked.

If you are coming from the northwest I-55 - I-57 corridor, you might consider picking up I-24 into Paducah, KY, and dropping down into the northwestern corner of Tennessee. This is the Reelfoot Lake-bayou area. It is rich in wildlife and beauty. Reelfoot Lake was formed by the earthquake of 1811-1812, which actually shifted the course of the Mississippi River. There is plenty of camping and fishing in the area, and a national wildlife refuge. You can then drop down to I-40, joining it at Jackson, TN.

Jackson is the home of Casey Jones Village where you can eat homemade food and ice cream, see the museum, shop, and visit the farm area garden. (There's a farmer's market each Saturday.) Also in Jackson is Rusty's TV and Movie Car Museum. Rusty's is only open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. But you can check the website and call for an appointment if you want to visit during the week. They say Rusty is a great guy who has good stories. For those interested in specific libations, Jackson boasts the Samuel T. Bryant Distillery and the Century Farm Winery, both highly rated. If you want to visit the winery, they recommend you call ahead and make reservations, especially if you have a group.

Nine miles north of Jackson is a gem of a place - Tennessee Safari Park. It is a large animal sanctuary hosting animals from the Americas, Africa and Australia. Besides the main five-and-a-half mile drive-through section, there is a shorter walk-through area, a petting zoo, and an aviary. There is also a giraffe feeding area. Be forewarned, however, dogs and other pets are not allowed, even in the drive-through section, not even service dogs. It is a safety factor for them and for the onsite animals.

Back on I-40, for you Civil War buffs, the visitors' center for the battle of Parker's Crossroads is just south of Exit 108. A museum presents facts about the battle, part of Nathan Bedford Forrest's western campaign, on December 31, 1862. A map for the self-guided tour is also available.

A little further along I-40, 9 miles north from Exit 133, is a unique facility for those who might be interested. The Tennessee River Freshwater Pearl Farm, Museum, and Showroom may be just your cup of tea. They claim to be the only such venue in the whole country. If you are interested, you will want to call ahead and find out what tours, etc., are available. There is also camping in the area.

If you want an experience just before coming into the Rally, you might consider stopping for a day or two at Loretta Lynn's Ranch in Hurricane Mills, TN, north of Exit 143. There is camping, plus lots to see and do - visit Loretta's home, her doll and fan museum, the grist mill, a Butcher Holler replica, a western town with shops, and more. There is also tubing on the river. And it will be an easy 2-3 hours drive to Lebanon from Hurricane Mills.

Next month we'll explore things to do coming from the east and northeast. See y'all then.

Community Service

Glenn Waters, BRN 214

I think I can say for all of us that 2020 is finally over. We had to cancel so many club events at all levels and it is time to begin 2021.

I have been asked to chair Community Service again this year.

If you kept items from last year, that is great - I will take them this year.

For those that are new to the club or to remind past members, we collect hats (homemade or bought), stuffed animals, tabs, blankets, money for a child that may need help with medicals bills, and items for women's shelters. We also collect food pantry items and animal supplies for animal shelters and food for cats and dogs. The tabs are cashed in, then the money is given to Ronald McDonald House. The other items are given to groups in the community that can use them.

Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, you can email me at gew26499@sbcglobal.net with Community Service in subject line.

Member Services

Sherri Cofer, BRN 4533

Looking for an opportunity to get involved at the International Rally at Lebanon, TN? Member Services is looking for volunteers. Member Services includes a help desk and is a great way to meet fellow Airstreamers. Please contact Sherri Cofer at 423-580-6223 or email at sscofer55@gmail.com to volunteer. Shifts can be 2 hours to 1/2 day and will be set up around your schedule. Thanks!

Mail and Packages in Lebanon

All mail and packages for members attending the International Rally should be addressed as follows:

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945 East Baddour Parkway
Lebanon TN 37087

Committee Chair Positions Available in Lebanon

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Photo Print Contest Rules Lebanon, TN

1. Open to all WBCCI members & families/guests *attending* the 2021 International Rally in Lebanon, TN.
2. Previous WBCCI Photo Print Contest *winning* photos are not eligible.
3. Print size is 8 x 10 ONLY. Any other size will not qualify.
4. NO BORDERS. NO MATS. NO FRAMES.
5. Entries are limited to TWO photos per person per category, except "Your Best" category.
6. Photographer's name, Club name and WBCCI # must be on the back of each photo.
7. Entrants are responsible for picking up their photos after the judging/viewing ends.

If you have any questions regarding the contest rules or categories, please feel free to contact Jane Elgin Bartlett #4544 at elginmj@gmail.com

Categories for Photo Print Contest

Photo Print Contest is judged by non-WBCCI members.

1. Black and White
2. Sunrise or Sunset
3. Architecture
4. Airstreams
5. Water in Nature
6. Landscapes
7. Your BEST photo (One entry per person in this category)



Snapshot Contest Rules Lebanon, TN

These should be fun, candid and/or casual photos.

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2. Previous WBCCI Snapshot *winning* photos are not eligible.
3. Print size is 4 x 6 ONLY. Any other size will be disqualified & will not be posted.
4. NO BORDERS. NO MATS. NO FRAMES.
5. Entries are limited to TWO snapshots per person per category.
6. No written identifying personal information on the front of the snapshot.
7. Photographer's name, Club name and WBCCI # MUST be on the back of each photo.
8. Entrants are responsible for picking up their snapshots after the voting/viewing ends.

If you have any questions about contest rules or categories, please feel free to contact Jane Elgin Bartlett, #4544 at elginmj@gmail.com

Categories for Snapshot Contest

Snapshots are voted on by attendees at the 2021 International Rally.

1. Children - kids, grandkids, neighbors, friends
2. WBCCI Members - in action OR inaction
3. Animals - lions, tigers, and bears, oh my! Any animal
4. Signs - fun, funny or interesting
5. Streets – interesting scenes of rural, town, city, alley, causeway, plazas





64th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB
★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★
★ July 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN ★

REGISTRATION

RALLY FEES – \$265 for an RV On-Site with 30 amp electric, water, and pump-outs; \$125 for each Adult (18+); \$40 for each Youth 13-17; Free for Children (12 & Under).

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you provide your government/state-issued placard or supporting documentation during registration.

REGISTRATIONS – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., members registered before the start of the Rally are entered into a prize drawing. Gift certificates for parts and service will be drawn with a total of \$2,000 in prizes to be given away. Registrants must be present at the Airstream presentation to win.

STAGING AREA – In an attempt to keep the rigs moving, you will receive a rally arrival date in the Spring of 2021. If you can't make it on that date, the Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you arrive from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Arrivals after dusk may stay overnight in the Staging Area, with no hookups, until parking begins the next morning.

CANCELLATION POLICY – Refund requests received by May 22, 2021, will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Refund requests after May 23, 2021, will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after July 3, 2021. *If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.*

RALLY PARKING DATES – General parking is tentatively scheduled to begin around July 14th. Parking dates will be sent via email in Spring 2021. Caravans of 5 or more need to contact HQ at rally@airstreamclub.org for available arrival dates.

HOW TO REGISTER – Go to airstreamclub.org/Lebanon, call HQ at 937-596-5211 or fill out this form, make a check payable to WBCCI, in **US Funds Only** and mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. Email questions to rally@airstreamclub.org.



64th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY
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Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Parking Options	Yes
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Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	Band Member	
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2XL (20/22)		\$36.00	\$
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Nuts for Ruts

Joan Anderson, Caravan Promotions

Nuts for Ruts Caravan follows the actual ruts left by wagon trains working their way to the West along the Great Platte River between 1840 and 1870. The majority of the pioneers travelled between 1849 as part of the Great Gold Rush to California and 1866 – the end of the Civil War. This is a “history based” caravan with visits to many museums, monuments and places important to the westward journey.

For the 2021 schedule, 16 stops are planned during the 2,200 mile journey with only one travel day having an over 200 mile drive. The caravan is full for 2021 but the leaders are anticipating running two sections in 2022. One caravan would run in the Spring and one in the Fall – before and after the International Rally in Maine.

The caravan will start in St. Joseph, MO, and end in Wilsonville, OR. There is lots of flexibility on this caravan. There will be Get Acquainted Meetings (GAMs), a few pre-selected/paid for tours and some “backstage” things not often available to travelers on the trail. Leaving the caravan for a side trip – not a problem. Just let the leaders know when you will return.

Meet the Caravan Leaders

Linda and Greg Heuer are devoted amateur historians. They both read extensively about the people and events of America’s past. Coming to the end of a book inspires them to “get on the road” to experience the places. They’ve followed Lewis and Clark on the great adventure by the Corps of Discovery. On the way home from the North to Alaska Caravan, they followed the Oregon Trail in reverse. Learning that the Oregon Trail Caravan hadn’t been offered in some time, they asked if they could revive it.



Over the past decade, they’ve taken their Airstreams to every Canadian province and all the 49 continental states. Married for over 50 years, they adore traveling together, meeting new people and seeing the sights. They keep their “stuff” in the Blue Ridge of Virginia, but their hearts are in their Airstream, The Silver Otter.

They are grateful for their co-leaders, Keith and Grady Ferry from Texas.

Stops along the trail include:

St. Joseph, MO - Pony Express Museum www.ponyexpress.org

Grand Island, NE – a long first big day on the road, about 270 miles

Kearney, NE - Fort Kearny www.outdoornebraska.gov/fortkearny

Ogallala, NE - Ash Hollow www.outdoornebraska.gov/ashhollow; Petrified Wood Museum www.petrifiedwoodgallery.com

Gering, NE - Ft. Laramie www.nps.gov/foia; Chimney Rock www.history.nebraska.gov; Scotts Bluff National Monument www.nps.gov/scbl

Casper, WY - National Historic Trails Interpretive Center www.nhtcf.org; Tate Geological Museum www.caspercollege.edu

Lander, WY – Eagle Bronze Works www.eaglebronze.com; Museum of the American West www.museumoftheAmericanwest.com; Pioneer Village

Fort Bridger, WY - Fort Bridger State Historic Site www.wyohistory.org; Route 30 Lincoln Highway remnants

Montpelier, ID - National Oregon Trail Center www.oregontrailcenter.org

Pocatello, ID - Register Rock www.idahohighcountry.org; Fort Hall; Museum of Clean www.museumofclean.com

Glenns Ferry, ID - Three Island Crossing State Park www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov; YKnot Winery www.yknotwinery.com

Baker City, OR - National Oregon Trail Interpretive Center www.blm.gov/learn/interpretive-centers/national-historic-oregon-trail-interpretive-center

Pendleton, OR - Whitman Mission Site www.nps.gov/whmi; Underground Pendleton www.pendletonundergroundtours.org; Woolen Mills www.pendleton-usa.com

Cascade Locks, OR - Sternwheeler ride www.cascade-locks.or.us

Welches, OR - Mount Hood www.traveloregon.com; Timberline Lodge www.timberlinelodge.com

Wilsonville, OR - Oregon City www.orcity.org; End of the Trail Visitor Center historicoregoncity.org

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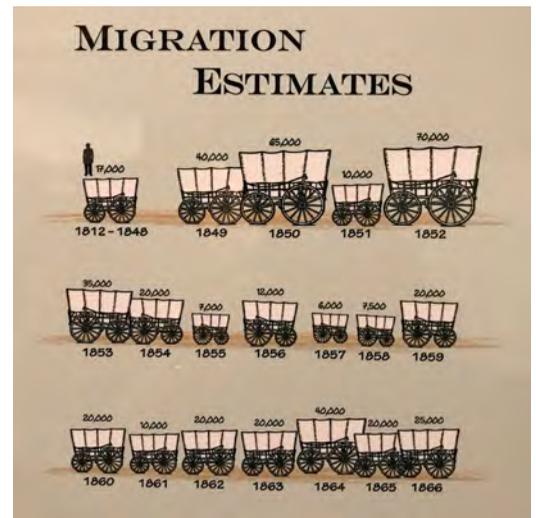
Rims on Oregon Trail ruts at O'Fallon rest area near Hershey, NE



The Wagonmasters



Whitman Mission, north of Pendleton, OR



At the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Baker City, OR



Deep Ruts

Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally

**Athens, Alabama
September 28 - October 2, 2021**

Russ Pry

Rally in Athens, Alabama for the 54th Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention. Early parking for the volunteers available on September 27. The Airstream rally starts on September 28 with welcome dinner. Upon arrival, sign up for tours to area destinations. A free concert opens the convention on September 30. The \$55/person rally fee includes two-day convention entrance fee, and two evenings of featured performances by headliner entertainers. Competitions include playing instruments, singing and dancing. Craft and food concessions are found throughout campus. Exclusive WBAC parking includes 20 AMP power, water and one (1) pump out for \$25/night located within 3/10 mile of the main venue. Parking reservations requires four (4) night minimum. Rally attendees are also welcome to stay at nearby RV Parks with full hook ups. Rally reservations and deposits are required by August 15. Visit <http://region6.airstreamclub.net> for Airstream Rally updates. Visit <http://www.tvotfc.org/> for convention information and schedule updates. All rally attendees are encouraged to bring their musical instruments. Jam sessions planned at the WBAC camp site and/or the Domino room at Athens - Limestone County Visitors Center.



REGION 1

J. Rick Cipot, Contributing Editor
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Dear Region One Members:

At this time, I have nothing to share with you. Hopefully, next month there will be something worthwhile to share. As always, stay safe and healthy and keep the shiny side up.

REGION 2

Kathy Blake, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region2

The decision about the 2021 Region 2 Rally has been made. You may recall that, in the March issue, I reported that local Clubs in Region 2 would canvas their members about holding a Region 2 rally this year. Based on member feedback, during a February Region 2 Zoom meeting, it was decided to forego the Region 2 rally again this year. In a short note from Region 2 President Rich Short announcing the decision, Rich wrote "Disappointing, but it's just not time yet. Still too much concern about you-know-what. Stay safe and be patient. Better days are coming."

The spring and summer itineraries for Region 2 Clubs are "fleshing out" nicely with the necessary accommodations for "you-know-what". While a few Clubs scheduled picnics and such for March, campout season officially starts this month in the more eastern, southern Clubs in Region 2. Presidents are urging members to sign up early, especially for events taking place at State Parks and private campgrounds! Competition for campsites is at an all time high due to increased numbers of RVs on the road.

Speaking of RVs on the road, the DelMarVa Airstream Club is looking forward to a "Round Pennsylvania Caravan" in early June. President Katharine and First Mate Andy Dowell will be leading the caravan, leaving from the meet-up location of Caledonia State Park in Fayetteville. Stops along the way include Ohiopyle State Park, Penn Wood Airstream Park, and Hills Creek State Park with some very appealing things to see and do along the route. Participants are responsible to make their own reservations at the various State Parks. The final stop is yet to be determined.

Several Club caravans to the International Rally are also in the works and President Rich is encouraging Clubs to caravan together if they can.

Metro New York Airstream Club's President Colleen Ahlers has already extended the invitation to other Clubs to join Metro NY as they trek to Lebanon. With experienced caravan leaders Mark and Debbie Hammer involved in the planning, this caravan is sure to hit some interesting spots along the way.

As I write this in mid-February, there are 66 Region 2 rigs registered to attend the International, 7 of which are from Ontario. Fingers crossed that vaccination programs and COVID control will be far enough along so that the Canadian/US border can open and those 7 Ontario rigs can get there! And, hopefully, as we move closer to the time for the International, more Region 2 rigs will be signed up. For those that are going, mark your calendars for noon, Wednesday, July 21. That's when the Region 2 luncheon in Lebanon is scheduled. Registration information will be available soon.

The Pennsylvania State rally is also a go for this year and rally organizers are inviting anyone who wants to attend to sign up! It will be held in Centre Hall, PA, from September 9 to 12. Check out the rally flyer posted on the Region 2 website <https://airstreamclub.org/092keystonepennsylvaniaaterally>

On a final note, we are delighted to see so many new members joining our ranks. Lea Plant, our Region 2 Membership Chair, reports that between December 26, 2020 - February 12, 2021, there were 14 new memberships in Region 2! We are so looking forward to meeting you!

REGION 3

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It's not too late...

You can still sign up for the 2021 Tally Rally April 21–25! The Region 3 Rally at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Florida's capital city, Tallahassee, is the perfect location to see Airstream friends! Registration is open until April 11 on the region website, so plan to come and join us for sun, sand and seafood in historic Tallahassee, FL.

Rally fee is \$250 per Airstream that includes all parking fees for 4 nights. Parking will begin on April 21 at 8:00 a.m. All sites are on grass and have 30/50 electric and water. There are two dump facilities.

The Fairgrounds has a large meeting room with full kitchen, state and sound system. The Rally Planning Team is putting together seminars, craft events, happy hours, demonstrations, lots of meals and entertainment.

Four days of fun, friends and food! Local music talent will be entertaining but President Bill Wild says to bring your instruments for jam sessions!

See you at the Tally Rally in the beautiful Sunshine State!

REGION 4

Cindy Conant, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region4

We would love to have you all come to the Region 4 rally in beautiful Fayetteville, WV. The rally will take place at the Summit Bechtel Reserve where there will be 4 nights camping with 20 amp electric, 3 catered meals, morning and evening hospitality, as well as evening entertainment and high adventure activities. You can find more details and registration information on the Region 4 website.

The Santa's Secret Hollow Work Rally is scheduled for May 13-16. You can register with Dan Bihary at dan@bihary.com. Check the Events section of the region website for more details.

REGION 6

Mark Magie, Contributing Editor
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The 2020 make-up Region 6 Rally will be April 8-12 in Vidalia, LA along the Mississippi River at River View RV Park and Resort. According to Region 6 President Jim Johnson, "We have a building with rollup doors available but will only use it if the weather is rainy or unusually cold. Plan on a socially distanced event, even for those who have had both COVID vaccinations. I expect one catered dinner, probably delivered to your trailer." Tours and activities will be "on your own." See last month's *Blue Beret* for helpful websites for local attractions.

The 2021 Region 6 Rally is set for Oct. 7-11 at Johnny's Lakeside RV Resort in Foley, AL.

The Alabama Airstream Club is planning its Alabama State Rally, April 15-18 at Anchors Aweigh RV Resort in Foley, AL. Train enthusiasts will enjoy an outing to the Foley Railroad Museum housed in the historic depot to see photos, tools and memorabilia documenting Foley's history and the important part the railroad played in developing the area. On May 13-17, club members will hold a rally at Battlefield Campground & RV Park, near Chattanooga, TN and Lookout Mountain. Area attractions include

Ruby Falls, Rock City, Chickamauga Battlefield, Georgia Winery and the Tennessee Aquarium.

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club members will rally April 22-25 along the Arkansas River at the Downtown Riverside RV Park in North Little Rock, AR for their annual Bikes, Buddies, and Brew Pubs rally. Activities include bike rides on river trails, pub crawls (on bicycles) and an evening meal at the Clinton Presidential Library. Club members will be at Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores, AL May 2-9. Watch next month's *Blue Beret* for details on a June float trip rally.

The East Tennessee and Music City Airstream Clubs are planning a Double the Fun State Rally, May 13-16 at Big South Fork National Park in Oneida, TN. Activities will include a home tour of the WWI hero Alvin York; Rugby, a 19th century British utopia town; and Twin Arches – regarded as the most impressive arches east of the Mississippi River. On June 10-13, the East Tennessee Club will head to the Top of Georgia Airstream-only park near the Bavarian village of Helen, GA and enjoy river tubing, hiking to waterfalls, and scenic mountain vistas.

The Louisiana Airstream Club members have scheduled a Mother's Day weekend Symphony Rally at Fontainebleau State Park on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain near Mandeville, LA, May 6-9.

Mississippi Airstream Club members are planning a Bellingrath Gardens Rally, April 27-May 1 at Payne's RV Park in Theodore, AL. The club will tour Bellingrath Gardens, 65 acres of year-round floral pageantry in a Southern estate garden and the adjoining 15-room 10,500 square-foot home built in 1935, Dauphin Island and the Battleship Alabama.

The Music City Airstream Club is planning a rally April 2-5 at David Crockett State Park in Lawrenceburg, TN. David Crockett was a pioneer, soldier, politician and industrialist. He was born in northeast Tennessee in 1786 and died at the Alamo Mission in 1836 while aiding the Texans in their fight for independence from Mexico. The 1,319-acre park has a museum with exhibits depicting Crockett's life and a water-powered grist mill. Following the rally, a caravan along the Natchez Trace is planned for April 6-8, ending in Natchez, MS and Vidalia, LA where the Region 6 Rally will be held April 8-12. The Music City Airstream Club and East Tennessee Club are planning a Double the Fun State Rally, May 13-16 at Big South Fork National Park in Oneida, TN.

Join the Pensacola, Florida Airstream Unit for its Bare Feet & Fishing Pole Rally April 15-18 at Mystic Springs Cove in McDavid, FL with fun activities for grandchildren, and tasty Hobo stew. Their bi-annual membership meeting and buddy rally is called Picnic in the Cove and will be held May 13-17. Plans are underway for a Mystic Springs Cove Fair on June 17-20. All unit rallies are at Mystic Springs Cove in McDavid, FL.

REGION 7

Jane Carmichael, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region7

Hello to our Region 7 members and readers! Our clubs are starting to plan Spring Business Meetings. Wisc-UP has chosen late April for their meeting in Wisconsin Dells and Minnesota has a late May date for their Spring Rally. All will depend, of course, on the decision whether to have in-person, zoom, or electronic communication.

Speaking of communication, boy, did I ever goof up. Those of you who read the February 2021 Region 7 Newsletter didn't have to read very far to find my first mistake. I wrote 2020 instead of 2021. All of our members probably caught the mistake and hopefully ignored it 'cause they know we aren't planning any 2020 events... what a goof. I kinda groaned.

If you haven't ever been to an International Rally, this could be the year. If you have hesitated because you didn't want to travel solo, you might want to join the Region 7 Caravan to Lebanon.

Starting July 10 or 11, 2021 (right year!) and led by Pete & Kathy Yanke, your Region 7 Caravan Committee Co-Chairs, it is a hop-on style caravan. You are welcome to join anywhere along the route. You will be parked together.

See more detail at the airstreamclub.org/region7 site. Please check out the newsletter, page 6, where Pete writes about the caravan.

For updates about the August 19-24 Region 7 Rally, please take a look at the newsletter. You may expect a couple of changes as we are still in the planning stages. We will probably not have an Open House, although the folks from Marquette would LOVE to see your Airstream. It is good PR, but not this year.

We expect to carpool to Big Bay and will not load everyone on two buses. A nearby outdoor venue for our Region 7 dinner is sponsored by Airstream of Northern Michigan, dba Nature & Me RV. Other meals will be catered and there will be no potlucks. Please plan to use your own chair for socially distanced gatherings.

If you are interested in touring around the Upper Peninsula, please read Gina's article on page 5 of the newsletter, "Yooper for a Week." (airstreamclub.org/region7) You will learn what a troll is...

And if you would like to caravan to Marquette, read Linda's article on page 7.

As a reminder, the Costumed Pet Parade during the Region 7 Rally is being judged and prizes will be awarded. I think the judges I chose can be

bribed, so I may have to include a neutral judge from the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter (UPAWS), our charity for the rally.

Please bring your best “flamingo stuff” for the Flamingo Day.

If our April showers will bring May flowers, then maybe the snow will melt...

Get out and Enjoy the Great Outdoors!

REGION 8

Mike Sisk, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region8

As we prepare for our spring and summer rallies, we are mindful that the COVID-19 pandemic is still with us. As of this writing, Region 8 will hold its Spring Rally in Amana, IA April 28-May 2. It will be a different type rally with reduced activities and there will be a lot of sightseeing available. It will be a good time to reconnect. Amana's Maifest begins May 1st and will be a highlight of the Rally.

Have you made your reservations for the 64th International Rally, July 17-24? The Rally will be held at the Wilson County Fairgrounds, 945 East Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN. You can complete your registration online on the airstreamclub.org website. It doesn't get much easier than that. Volunteer positions are also available and check the website if you'd like to help out. Are you a first timer? I urge you to attend and see what the Airstream Club is all about. You will have the opportunity to meet other first timers as well as members across the country.

Be safe and “See You Down the Road.”

REGION 9

Nancy Fitzgerald, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region9

We write these brief articles about happenings in our Regions months before publication. I am writing in January about April in Texas/Oklahoma Units. I am hopeful that people will be traveling and gathering more often by then because you are invited to two fun events taking place in Region 9 in April. Make your way to the Texas Gulf Coast Unit's Annual Doc Cain Fishing Tournament, April 9-11 at Texas Airstream Harbor on the banks

of Lake Sam Rayburn in Zavalla TX. You can take a kayak, a canoe, a flatbottom boat, state of the art fishing boat, or a pontoon to participate. We will find you a boat and a fishing partner. Heck, you can put on your waders and stand at the shoreline and catch a 5 lb. bass if you want. Leave our pet gator alone. This annual event honors a charter member of TGCU, and though we take our fishing seriously, we really meet to eat and greet. There are plenty of activities for those who do not fish, such as shopping in quaint, downtown Lufkin or participating in a craft activity. It is about the fellowship. Everybody is a winner at our Saturday night awards ceremony. We always honor the best fishing story even if your catch got away. Cost of the rally is \$10 per person and includes breakfast Saturday morning and cookout dinner that evening. Texas Airstream Harbor has plenty of visitor parking. Contact our host to make boondocking or 30 amp set up reservations: info@texasairstreamharbor.com. After a triumphant fishing victory, head north 2 ½ hours on Highway 69 to Mineola TX which many proclaim to be the heart of East Texas. You will be 80 miles east of Dallas and 100 miles south of Oklahoma and in the center of an old Texas Railroad town framed by springtime Dogwood and Azalea trails. Antiquing is a major draw in Mineola, with over 20 antique shops or visit the Museum of Railroad Memorabilia. Spring is a beautiful time in East Texas. Come play outdoors with Region 9.

REGION 10

Darlene Caldwell, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region10

YAHOO! The Airstream is washed, waxed, shining and ready to roll and roam!

The COVID numbers seem to be decreasing in most places and vaccines are arriving with the spring weather.

If the border opens, consider rolling through all the Clubs in Region 10 - each club has unique rallies scheduled.

Let's start rolling in British Columbia - June rally is the Hedley Hoedown. Bring your boots.

Washington Club has a joint rally in wine country near Prosser and a fishing caravan in May.

Oregon Club has over 30 smaller rallies planned over the camping season, including one at Ana Reservoir near Summer Lake.

Inland NW Club has Wine Country RV rally at Prosser and another rally planned at Riverbed RV Twisp, WA, for August and an Over the Border Rally at Nakusp, B.C.

Montana Club has scheduled their spring rally at Fort Benton.

Alberta Saskatchewan has the spring rally planned for the St Michael area in Alberta.

The Clubs have planned smaller rallies, without shared food and more individual activities (hiking, biking etc.) rather than group tours or activities. All COVID protocols will be in place. All members are welcome to attend any rally, as long as there is space; just contact the host to confirm attendance and space. Camping spots fill up quickly, so sign up early if a sign up is needed. Be sure to check the local club website for updates and information.

Spring is also a great time to boondock if you are still in self isolation mode. Consider that, as any outside adventure in which to enjoy your Airstream is a treat.

Check the Region website (airstreamclub.org/region10) and local club sites for details of these and other rallies. Please be sure to check with host of the rally to confirm space and activities.

There are caravans to consider - the Polar Bear Caravan to Churchill, Manitoba is still being planned. Local clubs also have caravans to consider.

As you plan 2021 rally events, note the Region 10 Rally has been cancelled.

REGION 11

Robert Doster, Contributing Editor
airstreamclub.org/region11

The Utah Wasatch Airstream Club will be camping in the Grand Plateau RV Park, Kanab, UT. Located on US 89 on the northern edge of the Colorado Plateau, Kanab is the perfect place to camp. Zion National Park, Bryce National Park, Grand Staircase, Escalante National monument, Vermillion Cliff National Monument and the north rim of the Grand Canyon are all short 30 minute or less drives away. Photos from this Rally will be on display at International in July.

The Arizona Airstream Club will be camping at Kartchner Caverns State Park on April 8 thru April 11. Kartchner Caverns is a destination and some of the views in this still living cavern are unmatched. Planned road trips

thru Cochise county, whose first county seat was Tombstone, are also important destinations. Because there is so much to see and do, some campers are arriving early and staying longer.

The Colorado Airstream Club will be in Moab, UT on April 26 to May 1. They will be at the Portal RV Park. Excursions with a jeep, ATV or mountain bike in and around Arches National Park will be on the agenda. Some may also kayak or take a dinner cruise on the Colorado River.

REGION 12

Robert Stansbury, Contributing Editor
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Hello California and Nevada Airstreamers. Cecelia and I just returned from Florida where we attended the WBCCI International Board of Trustees meeting. The Southwest Camping Club (an Airstream club from Region 3) hosted the rally and did a great job keeping us fed and virus free. There were 58 rigs in attendance. I've heard of no one getting sick.

Cecelia and I were the only attendees from R12. The meetings were a hybrid affair with some officers on Zoom and some in physical attendance. We determined that R12 was the only region that held a region rally in 2020. The other region officers were shocked that the San Diego Club was able to pull off such a successful event. Cecelia was able to explain how it was done safely.

Since we have returned home, Cecelia has conferred with 5 or 6 region presidents. She is making suggestions on how they can hold their rallies safely this year. Several presidents have decided to go forward and have their rallies using the ideas from R12.

Unfortunately, the CALI Rally has been postponed again and will now be held in 2022.

Now for a few R12 shoutouts to clubs and members. I am proud of the Lake Tahoe Club for their great response to our April Maintenance Rally and our June Rally at Hope Valley. Hey South Coast, have a great rally at the Pechanga RV park and casino. Way to go NorCal as you return to the Gilroy Garlic festival in April. Lastly, I want to give kudos to Andi Matsumoto of the South Coast Club. She volunteered in the Moderna Vaccine Study to be a guinea pig. She found out later that she received the placebo and has since gotten the real thing. I hope to see you all down the road.

From the Vice President of Sales



Justin Humphreys

Greetings from your extended family here in Jackson Center, OH! I am happy to report that in early March, we had our first 60+ degree day, which was a much-needed shot in the arm after a cold and wintry month of February! I hope these warmer days are here to stay and that many of us in the northern climates can begin to Airstream again soon!

The year 2021 started out with a bang as both January and February were all-time record months for customer deliveries at our dealers across North America. The momentum from last year has not slowed down and in many ways, is only speeding up. Lead times for new orders continue to grow with many models now pushed to the fall for delivery on new orders. I know I sound like a broken record, but the amount of business we have seen since the pandemic is simply astounding. The team at Airstream is counting our lucky stars to be in this position given the severity of the pandemic, and we do not lose sight of the fact many companies are struggling now. I can only hope the increase in the RV industry can provide jobs for the many who are looking for work right now.

The progress of increasing production in Jackson Center is slow but steady. Hiring has been going well and we are thrilled at the level of talent we have welcomed to Airstream over the past year. One big advantage of working at Airstream in manufacturing is that we are a one shift operation. So many of the talented associates who work at some large, global companies local to us here in Ohio but may be on a second or third shift, and as such, they are attracted to a first shift opportunity with an iconic company like Airstream.

Our supply base is slowly getting better at providing the many parts we need in building an Airstream, but there are still some big challenges for us over the coming year. Our supply chain professionals are working hard to address these problems with our suppliers and when needed, looking for alternate sources when we do not have another choice. As you can imagine, this is quite a task for our team, but they have done a great job in meeting this complex problem.

In the month of February, we conducted our first virtual factory training session for our dealer salespeople. The training consisted of two, two-day sessions and included nearly 400 salespeople from around the globe. It was great to finally showcase the new travel trailer, touring coach and Basecamp factories to our dealer sales professionals. Because we have moved into each new factory since the pandemic, none of our dealers have seen the new facilities firsthand. The virtual training was a smashing success and just another way our Airstream team was able to pivot and provide the training to our dealers during a very challenging time in our nation.

I am also happy to report that the construction for our museum has officially begun and should be ready to show during the Alumapalooza rally in September. My fingers are crossed that we will restart factory tours around the same time, however, we will let local health professionals provide advice as to when it will be safe to restart the tours. I will keep everyone posted on when that may be and cannot wait for everyone to see the new state of the art manufacturing facilities!

On behalf of 1,150 hard working families in Jackson Center, OH, I want to thank you for your continued support of our small company. It means the world to each of us here at Airstream. Travel safe and keep healthy!

Happy Airstreaming!



Rick March, General Manager
Customer Relations Group

Greetings!! It's finally April!! In reality I am writing this article in March, so it is still relatively cold here in Ohio. But I am hoping by the time you read the article, the weather will drastically improve 😊. I have covered this topic in the past, but there is some very important information for owners who may be new to Airstream. This month we will cover our Spring preparation checklist so we can get out and enjoy our RV's.

Spring Preparation Checklist

After having your Airstream in storage for the winter, there are some things that may need to be checked or maintenance performed to make your first trip of the season more enjoyable.

Starting with the outside:

- Open your unit and allow it to "air out" after being closed up for the winter. This will allow fresh air into the unit after storage.

(Note: If the windows have become stuck to the seal from lack of use, you may carefully break the seal from the glass. Never pry with a hard object such as knives or screwdrivers. If it will not open, take something like a credit card and insert it between the glass and frame starting at the corner and sliding along the bottom towards the other corner. To prevent sticking, wash the window gaskets with dishwasher soap to remove dirt and resins. Once clean and dry, you may apply a thin coat of a product such as 303® Aerospace Protectant. This cleaning and lubrication may also be done for the main door, access compartments and Fantastic fan gaskets)

- As you are examining the outside, take note of any cracks or voids in sealants. Remove any weathered sealant and fill with new. A good time to do this is during your first wash and wax of the season.
- Check outside compartments, vents and water heater for any obstructions from possible nests that may have been built. For now, leave the water heater's drain plug open or out (depending on the

style of the tank) and the door open. We will be returning later to finish.

- Open your patio awning (and any window awnings) to check operation. For cleaning instructions, follow Zip Dee's owner's manual or visit www.ZipDeeinc.com.
- Your brakes may need inspected, and if your trailer is not equipped with Nev-R-Lube™ bearings, they should be repacked prior to hitting the road.
- Check your overall tire condition. Make sure the air pressure and wheel lug nut torque are correct. (Some RV Safety organizations recommend that if your tires are 3-4 years old, you should consider replacement due to rubber deterioration, even if the tread looks good. You may wish to follow this or your tire manufacturer's recommendations.) Don't forget the spare!
- Hopefully, your batteries were maintained over the winter. With lead-acid batteries, you will want to check the fluid levels and fill, as necessary, with distilled water so the top of the plates are covered. It may also be a good time to have your batteries tested. A load test may be done at many auto stores or battery suppliers. If you have 3 or more years on your current deep cycle batteries, it may be time to think of replacements.

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- Regardless of if your battery is a non-maintenance or lead-acid style, inspect the battery terminals and cable ends. If corrosion has developed, clean them with a wire brush and apply a protective coating to the battery posts and cable ends.
 - After verifying that all appliances were turned off and hose connections are tight outside, you may turn on the LP tanks.
 - Do a visual check of the breakaway cable and switch, as well as the 7-way cord connections where you may apply some dielectric grease to. If cables are cracked or corroded, they should be attended to. (Note: It is recommended that your breakaway cable and switch be changed every 5 years or as needed!)
 - Lubricate the tongue and stabilizer jacks following the manufacturer's recommendations.
 - Make sure the fresh water valve is closed. This may be a good time to fill and sanitize your fresh water tank. Mixing 1/4 cup of household bleach with one gallon of water will prepare a solution to treat 15 gallons. (2 mixtures for 30 gallons and 3 mixtures for 45 gallons) Let this solution set in your tank for at least 4 hours before flushing. (Note: Products such as Thetford™ Drain Valve Lubricant may be applied to your grey and black tanks to help prevent sticking valves.)
 - Close your low point drain valves if open.
- Let's go inside!**
- If you have had a drawer or cabinet come open during a past trip, you may want to check to see if the latch that holds that cabinet or drawer is properly adjusted. If the latch is found to be worn, it may be something you want to change before loading back up.
 - Check and clean your air conditioner filter if needed.
 - Check your water pump to make sure the hoses are connected and tight.
 - You can now open any valves that were closed during the winterization process, with the exception of your water heater bypass. (we will get that later)
 - If you used antifreeze to winterize your trailer, you will need to flush it out. You can hook up to your city water input and flush out the lines by opening the faucets and running water until you no longer see the foaming from the anti-freeze (don't forget the toilet). This could take a couple flushes. (Note: If flushing the lines for the first time after being parked, sediment from hard water may be released which can clog the ends of faucets. Unscrewing the screen and cleaning may provide a better water flow.)
 - Once clean water is coming from the lines, you may shut the faucets off. (Note: check if your galley faucet had the filter removed for winterization, or if the filter needs to be changed for the start of a new season. Remove water pressure by making sure your pump is off and the city water is disconnected or turned off. Open the cold side low point drain valve and turn on the cold side of the galley faucet. This will allow drainage of the cold line. With a rag in hand to wipe up any residual water, you may now replace the filter. Once replaced, you may close the low point drain and faucet and turn the water back on.)
 - We are now ready to open the bypass valve to your water heater and flush out any sediments that may have collected in the bottom from last season. (Remember we have left the exterior plug and door open on the water heater) Open the bypass at the water heater to allow the water flow to clean out any debris from the tank. The age and condition of the tank will dictate the length of time you will want to flush. (This could be 1 to 5 minutes). Once flushed, you may shut the bypass valve off and go outside and reinstall the plug and close the access door.
 - Now, go back inside and open the bypass valve to allow the tank to fill with water. We want to make sure the tank is full of water before starting the water heater to prevent damaging the electric heating element. You will also want to open a hot water faucet to allow any trapped air to escape.
 - At this point, you can plug your trailer into your 110-volt power source and turn your battery disconnect switch to the on position.
 - Check your interior lighting and replace bulbs if needed.
 - If you have an electric water heater, you may now check its operation.
 - If your refrigerator is set to automatic, it should start cooling.
 - Test the LP detector by pushing the test button. It is recommended to change the batteries in your CO detector and smoke alarms and test these as well. Don't forget your fire extinguisher!
 - You can test the LP system by lighting the burners at your range. This should remove any trapped air from the lines. Once the air is removed, you may work your way to the refrigerator and water heater, switching to LP to test these appliances. You will also need to check the furnace to make sure it is functioning properly as well.

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At this point we can head back outside and will need to hook up to your tow vehicle.

- Check your hitch. The ball may be lubricated with products such as Reese™ hitch ball lube.
- Make sure the trailer coupler is clean of debris and operating smoothly.
- Check the 7-way socket on the tow vehicle and make sure there is no corrosion that may need to be attended to. Once this is done, we can plug in to check the lights.

- Let's first check to make sure that all marker lights illuminate. Next, you can check your brake lights as well as your turn signals.

At this point, you should be ready for that first trip out.

Wishing you and your family a safe and enjoyable camping season!

I would love to hear from you and if you have a suggestion or topic you would like to see covered in a future article, or have a question, just drop me a line at rmarch@airstream.com.

Have a great month!

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International Rally

Jul 17-24 2021 International Rally, Lebanon, Tennessee

National Rallies

Apr 9-11 Pets & Paws, Provincetown, MA
 Sep 13-19 Pendleton Round-Up, Pendleton, OR
 Sep 25-Oct 3 Swiss Festival, Sugarcreek, OH
 Sep 28-Oct 2 Athens Old Time Fiddlers, Athens, GA
 Sep 29-Oct 3 Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, TN
 Oct 2-6 Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque, NM
 Oct 7-11 Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving, Leicester, VT
 Oct 12-17 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival, Sun Valley, ID
 Dec 28 - Jan 1, 2022 Rose Parade, Pasadena, CA



REGION 1 Activities



Region 1 Website: airstreamclub.org/region1

Apr 9-11 Pets & Paws Rally, Provincetown, MA
 Jun 17-20 Region 1 Rally, Northampton, MA
 Oct 7-11 Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Rally, Leicester, VT

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/cape-cod-massachusetts

May 7-9 Airstreams in Bloom Rally, Holiday Acres CG, 593 Snake Hill Rd, North Scituate RI 02857, Kathy & Stan Warren & Trevor & Gale Lake, kathwarren@comcast.net

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/charter-oak-connecticut

Apr 30-May 2 Keep Calm and Rally on Charlie Brown CG, 98 Chaplin Rd, Eastford CT 06242, Christine & Glen Lessig and Carol & Chris Dubrowski, glessig@gmail.com

New England Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/new-england

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/northeast-mountaineers

Quebec Canada Unit - airstreamclub.org/quebec-canada

REGION 2 Activities



Region 2 Website: airstreamclub.org/region2

Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/al-mon-o-pennsylvania

May 14-16 Fiesta Fun Rally, Sharp's CG, North Ridge Rd, Shelocta PA 15774, Maria Tobin 757-636-1539

Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/central-pennsylvania

May 14-16 Lums Pond Season Opener, Lums Pond SP <https://www.destateparks.com/PondsRivers/LumsPond>, 3355 Red Lion Rd, Bear DE 19701, Carey Boland 610-905-0537, careyboland@gmail.com

Delaware Valley New Jersey Unit - airstreamclub.org/delaware-valley-new-jersey

DelMarVa Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/delmarva

Hudson-Mohawk New York Unit - airstreamclub.org/hudson-mohawk-new-york

May 6-9 Letchworth State Park Rally, Letchworth SP 585-493-3600 <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/letchworth>, 1 Letchworth State Park, Castile NY 14427, John & Wendy Vettovali, 518-848-8023, wendymv1@yahoo.com

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Contact Rally Host for the status of the event.

Keystone Pennsylvania Unit - airstreamclub.org/keystone-pennsylvania

- Apr 23-25 Joint Maintenance Rally, Queen Anne's County 4H FG, Dulin Clark Rd, Centreville MD 21617, Malcolm Comstock, milvermont63@yahoo.com
May 14-16 Spring Opener @ Lums Pond, Lums Pond SP, 3355 Red Lion Rd, Bear DE 19701, Carey Boland, careyboland@gmail.com

Metropolitan New York Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/metropolitan-new-york

- Apr 22-25 Spring Time @ Indian Island Rally, Indian Island County Park 914-262-0524, Indian Point Rd (Rte 105), Riverhead NY 11901, Ted Strickroth, tedstrickroth@yahoo.com or Mary Morello, mmorello@optonline.net
May 6-9 Mother's Day Rally, Hither Hills SP 631-834-6090, 164 Old Montauk Hwy, Montauk NY 11954, Kerry Aspinall 631-834-6090, ker32@aol.com

Mid-Atlantic Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/mid-atlantic

New Jersey Unit - airstreamclub.org/new-jersey

New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/new-york-finger-lakes

Ontario Canada Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/ontario-canada

Penn-Lehigh Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/penn-lehigh

Pennsylvania Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/pennsylvania

Washington DC Unit - airstreamclub.org/washington-dc

- Apr 22-25 Capitol Kickoff Rally, Point Lookout SP, 11175 Point Lookout Rd, Scotland MD 20687, Jeff Sutton, jeffrey.s.sutton@gmail.com
May 20-23 Staunton Rally, Walnut Hills CG & RV Park, 484 Walnut Hills Rd, Staunton VA 24401, Patti Galupo, patti.galupo1973@gmail.com

Watchung NJ Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/watchung-nj

Florida Suncoast Airstream Unit - airstreamclub.org/florida-suncoast

- Apr 12-18 Rally, WP Franklin N, 17850 N Franklin Lock Rd, Alva FL 33920, book your site on Reserve America and email Brad to let him know you are coming, Brad Reid, reid@4169@gmail.com

Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/florida-treasure-coast

Northern Virginia Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/northern-virginia

- May 13-16 Spring Rally, Candy Hill CG 540-662-8010, 165 Ward Ave, Winchester VA 22602, Pete & Elizabeth West 540-270-0200, pwest8@comcast.net

Palmetto State Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/palmetto-state

Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/piedmont-north-carolina

South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/south-carolina-coastal

South Florida Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/south-florida

Southeastern Camping Unit - airstreamclub.org/southeastern-camping-unit

- Apr 15-18 Rally, Georgia Veteran's SP, 800-459-1230 <https://www.reseze.net/servlet/WebresResDesk?hotelid=1276>, 2459-H US Hwy 280 W, Cordele GA 31015, Matt & Beth Hackney, eroney@aol.com
Apr 15-21 Caravan to Region 3, 2459-H US Hwy 280 W, Cordele GA 31015, Matt Hackney, eroney@aol.com
Apr 18-21 Rally on the Bluffs, Bluff Creek CG, <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232529>, 144 Bluff Creek Rd, Pittsview AL 36871, Annette Conoly, 012president@airstreamclub.net
May 19-23 Dreher Island SP Rally, Dreher Island SP 866-345-7275 https://southcarolinaparks.com/dreher-island?gclid=EAlalQobChMI2ujh35XC7gIVZWzCh0PyAECEAAAYASAAEqJAmvD_BwE, 3677 State Park Rd, Prosperity SC 29127, Annette Conoly, 012president@airstreamclub.net

Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/spirit-of-virginia

- Apr 9-11 Virginia Blue Bell Rally, 350 Daughter of Stars Dr, Bentonville VA 22610, Phil Miller 540-578-1320, philmlillerplm@gmail.com
May 18-23 Fallingwater Caravan, 1491 Mill Run Rd, Mill Run PA 15464, Greg Heuer 434-298-4650, gheuer212@me.com

Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/tidewater-virginia

Top of Georgia Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/top-of-georgia

- Apr 7-11 Spring Rally, Top of Georgia Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen GA 30545, Murphy Harrell 706-878-3590, hleem@bellsouth.net
May 26-31 Memorial Day Rally, Top of Georgia Airstream Park, 14255 Hwy 75 N, Helen GA 30545, Murphy Harrell 706-878-3590, hleem@bellsouth.net

Virginia Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/virginia

- May 13-16 Silver in the Street - Abingdon VA, 134 Wall St, Abingdon VA 24210, Jeff Cutright 540-989-6331, jcutright4@msn.com

REGION 3 Activities



Region 3 Website: airstreamclub.org/region3

- Apr 21-25 Region 3 Rally, Tallahassee, FL

Big Bend Florida Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/big-bend-florida

Carolinas Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/carolinas

- Apr 8-11 Tanglewood Park NC Rally, Tanglewood Park & CG 4016 Clemmons Rd, Clemmons NC 27012, <https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/apr-tanglewood-park/>, CG Reservations Call Tanglewood Park 336-703-6494
May 6-9 Shining in Shelby, NC, Shelby, NC County Courthouse Square, 103 S Lafayette St, Shelby NC 28150, Roger Holland, roger@h-harchitects.com

Coastal Georgia Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/coastal-georgia

Florida Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/florida

- Apr 22-25 Streamin' in the Highlands Rally, Highlands Hammock SP Rally, 5931 Hammock Rd, Sebring FL 33872, Lyn & Bob Masters, bltampa@me.com
Apr 27-May 1 Key West Rally, Boyd's Key West CG, 6401 Maloney Ave, Key West FL 33040, Larry & Linda Scovotto 386-405-0160, floridalarry@me.com

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REGION 4 Activities



Region 4 Website: airstreamclub.org/region4

May 19-23 Region 4 Rally, Glen Jean, WV
Sep 25-Oct 3 Swiss Festival, Sugarcreek, OH

Akron Ohio Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/akron-ohio

Apr 29-May 2 Wakeup Downtown, Logan, Ohio FG, 150 N Homer Ave, Logan OH 43138,
Dennis Kiehl 330-697-0772, as27050@akron.net

Cincinnati Ohio Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/cincinnati-ohio

Heart of Ohio Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/heart-of-ohio

Miami Valley Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/miami-valley-ohio

Michigan Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/michigan

Mid-Eastern Michigan Unit - airstreamclub.org/mid-eastern-michigan

Mohican Valley Ohio Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/mohican-valley-ohio

Apr 8 Luncheon, Ralphie's, 451 Portland Way N, Galion OH 44833, Nancy
Findling 419-688-0001, cnfindling@frontier.com

Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream Unit - airstreamclub.org/northern-ohio-virtual

Apr 15-19 Spring is in the Airstream, Hocking Hills SP CG 866-644-6727
<https://www.reserveohio.com/OhioCampWeb/>, 19852 SR 664, Logan
OH 43138, Tom Brown 419-203-1681, tomrbrown1951@gmail.com

Apr 22-25 Spring Fling, Mark Wahlberg Airstream & RV, 3865 W Broad
St, Columbus OH 43228, Suzie & John Couger 614-519-1324,
slchazen7@yahoo.com

Ohio Lake to River Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/ohio-lake-river

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club -
airstreamclub.org/southeastern-michigan

Apr 17 Forgetting Taxes Luncheon, Sedona Tap House, 198 E Big Beaver Rd, Troy
MI 48083, Barbara Darian, SEMACPresident@gmail.com

The Western Reserve Camping Unit -
airstreamclub.org/western-reserve-camping-unit

West Virginia Airstream Club -
airstreamclub.org/appalachian-unit-west-virginia

REGION 5 Activities



Region 5 Website: airstreamclub.org/region5

Sep 15-19 Region 5 Rally, Warsaw, IN

Central Indiana Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/central-indiana

Apr 30-May 2 Season Opener, Brown County SP, <https://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>, 1801 SR 46 E, Nashville IN 47448, Damon Beals
317-696-8215, damon.beals@gmail.com

Indiana Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/indiana

Kentucky Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/kentucky

Apr 28-May 2 Kentucky Derby Reunion Rally, Kentucky Horsepark CG 859-653-5519,
4089 Iron Works Pike, Lexington KY 40511, Artie Martin 513-288-3419,
aom1215@yahoo.com

Northern Illinois Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/northern-illinois

WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club -
airstreamclub.org/wbcci-illinois-lincolnland

Apr 23-26 Wildflower Foray Rally, Brown County Indiana SP, 1405 St Route 46 W,
Nashville IN 47448, Bernie & Mary Taylor 309-251-7744

REGION 6 Activities



Region 6 Website: airstreamclub.org/region6

Apr 8-12 Region 6 Rally, Vidalia, LA
Apr 15-18 Alabama State Rally, Foley, AL
May 13-16 Tennessee State Rally, Oneida, TN
Sep 28-Oct 2 Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally, Athens, GA
Sep 29-Oct 3 Storytelling Festival Rally, Jonesborough, TN
Oct 7-11 Region 6 Rally, Foley, AL

Alabama Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/alabama

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/arkansas-razorback

East Tennessee Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/east-tennessee

Louisiana Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/louisiana

Mississippi Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/mississippi

May 13-17 Bellingrath Gardens Rally, Payne's RV Park 251-653-1034, <https://www.paynesrvpark.com/index.htm>, 7970 Bellingrath Rd, Theodore AL 36582,
Terry Reynolds 228-990-1537, AnnaandTerry@bellsouth.net

Music City Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/music-city

Pensacola Florida Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/pensacola

REGION 7 Activities



Region 7 Website: airstreamclub.org/region7

Aug 19-24 Region 7 Rally, Marquette, MI

Minnesota Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/minnesota

May 20-23 Spring Rally, Maple Springs CG, 21606 County Rd 118, Preston
MN 55965, <https://minnesota.airstreamclub.net/rally/>, Chuck Dodd,
055president@airstreamclub.net

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit -
airstreamclub.org/north-dakota-peace-garden

Wisc-UP Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/wisc-up

Apr 30-May 2 Dells Campout & Spring Business Meeting, Wisc Dells KOA 608-254-
4177, <https://koa.com/campgrounds/wisconsin-dells/>, S 235A Stand
Rock Rd, Wisconsin Dells WI 53965, Bill Scheuerell,
bill.scheuerell@sbcglobal.net

May 1 Spring Business Meeting, Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co <https://www.dellsmoosejaw.com>, 110 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S, Wisconsin Dells
WI 53965, Bill Scheuerell, bill.scheuerell@sbcglobal.net

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REGION 8 Activities



Region 8 Website: airstreamclub.org/region8

Apr 29-May 2 Region 8 Rally, Amana, IA

Greater St. Louis Airstream Club -
airstreamclub.org/greater-st-louis

May 13-16 St. Peters Rally, Lakeside RV CG, <https://www.stpetersmo.net/rvpark.aspx>, 1000 Lakeside Park Dr, St. Peters MO 63376, Joe Hauser, camperqueen2000@yahoo.com

Iowa Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/iowa

Iowa North Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/iowa-north

Missouri Greater Ozark Unit - airstreamclub.org/missouri-greater-ozark

Apr 26-28 Rolling Rally, Arrowhead RV Park, 755 US 54 Hwy, Osceola MO 64776, Richard & Marsha Keith 918-314-1041, rmkeith8070@sbcglobal.net

Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/missouri-kansas

Apr 22-25 Spring Rally, Basswood RV Resort, 15880 Interurban Rd, Platte City MO 64079, John Eckardt & Maria Stimach 816-729-0660, jeckar52@gmail.com

Nebraska Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/nebraska

REGION 9 Activities



Region 9 Website: airstreamclub.org/region9

CANCELLED Apr 13-18 Region 9 Rally, Mineola, TX

East Texas Lakes Unit - airstreamclub.org/east-texas-lakes

Greater Houston Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/greater-houston

Apr 8-11 Pre-Region Rally, Salmon Lake Park 936-687-2594, 247 Salmon Lake Rd, Grapeland TX 75844, Bruce Lee 281-615-3253, balee5068@gmail.com

May 15 Annual Luncheon, Landry's Seafood House 281-362-9696, 1212 Lake Robbins Dr, Woodlands TX 77380, Bruce Lee 281-615-3253, balee5068@gmail.com

Heart of Texas Camping Unit - airstreamclub.org/heart-texas-camping

North Texas Unit - airstreamclub.org/north-texas

Oklahoma Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/oklahoma

May 6-9 Spring Rally, Kaw Lake Coon Creek CG, 9400 Lake Rd, Newkirk OK 74647, Barbara Wilder, talktow2@sbcglobal.net

Texas Alamo Unit - airstreamclub.org/texas-alamo

Texas Gulf Coast Unit - airstreamclub.org/texas-gulf-coast

Apr 9-10 Rally, Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc. <https://texasairstreamharbor.com/tgcu-home-page>, 714 Angelina, Zavalla TX 75980, info@texasairstreamharbor.com

May 14-15 Rally, Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc. <https://texasairstreamharbor.com/tgcu-home-page>, 714 Angelina Zavalla TX 75980, info@texasairstreamharbor.com

Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/texas-highland-lakes

Apr 29-May 2 Cinco de Mayo Rally, Traveler's World RV Resort, 2617 Roosevelt Ave, San Antonio TX 78214, Carol Sajovich 512-751-2464, carol_sajovich@hotmail.com

Texas Hill Country Unit - airstreamclub.org/texas-hill-country

Texas Plains Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/texas-plains

REGION 10 Activities



Region 10 Website: airstreamclub.org/region10

CANCELLED Jun 1-6 Region 10 Rally, Linden, WA
Sep 13-19 Pendleton Round-Up Rally, Pendleton, OR
Oct 12-17 Sun Valley Jazz & Music Festival Rally, Sun Valley, ID

Alberta Saskatchewan Canada Airstream Club -
airstreamclub.org/alberta-saskatchewan

British Columbia Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/british-columbia

Idaho Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/idaho

Inland NW Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/inland-nw

Montana Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/montana

Oregon Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/oregon

Apr 2-4 April Fool's Rally, River Bend County Park, 45931 Santiam Hwy, Foster OR 97345, Ralond & Ruby Troncin, rubytroncin@gmail.com

Apr 15-18 Bird Migration Rally, Burns RV Park, 1273 Seneca Dr, Burns OR 97720, Carol & John Dion, jh.cd.dion@gmail.com

Apr 22-25 Maryhill Rally, Maryhill SP, 50 US-97, Goldendale WA 98620, Hal Hendrix & Terri Warren, twestover@mac.com

Apr 22-25 Bullard's Beach SP Camping, Bullard's Beach SP, Oregon Coast Hwy, Bandon OR 97411, Terri Warren, twestover@mac.com

Apr 29-May 2 Wine Country - Joint WA & OR Rally, Wine Country RV Park, 330 Merlot Dr, Prosser WA 99350, Carol & John Dion, jh.cd.dion@gmail.com

May 6-9 Newbie Welcome Rally, Casey's Riverside RV Park, 46443 Westfir Rd, Westfir OR 97492, Mike & Mel Simrell, mmsimrell@gmail.com

May 10-13 Tumalo State Park Camping, Tumalo SP, 64170 O. B. Riley Rd, Tumalo OR 97703, Terri Warren, twestover@mac.com

May 13-16 Ana Reservoir Rally, Ana Reservoir RV Park, 84594 Carlton Rd, Summer Lake OR 97640, Brad & Susan Taylor, staylor792@comcast.net

May 18-21 Pelton Rally, PGE Pelton Park CG, 3300 NW Pelton Dam Rd, Madras OR 97741, Terri Warren & Hal Hendrix, twestover@mac.com

May 20-23 Sister's Rally, Bend/Sisters Garden RV Resort, 67667 US-20, Bend OR 97703, Judy Mitchell & Rhonda Levine, Judy & Brian Smith, rhondaxo@comcast.net

May 27-31 LaPine State Park Camping, LaPine SP, 15800 State Recreation Rd, La Pine OR 97739, Terri Warren, twestover@mac.com

Washington Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/washington

Apr 29-May 2 Wine Country - Joint WA & OR Rally, Wine Country RV Park, 330 Merlot Dr, Prosser WA 99350, Craig Hammond, hammondhabitat@gmail.com

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REGION 11 Activities



Region 11 Website: airstreamclub.org/region11

Oct 2-6 Balloon Fiesta Rally, Albuquerque, NM

Arizona Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/arizona

Apr 8-11 Kartchner Caverns SP Rally, Kartchner Caverns SP, 2980 S Hwy 90, Benson AZ 85602, Bob Doster, wdoster@cox.net

May 6-9 Point of Rocks Rally, Prescott Point of Rocks RV CG, 3025 N SR 89, Prescott AZ 86301, NO HOST RALLY

Colorado Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/colorado

Apr 26-May 1 Moab Rally, Portal RV Park 435-259-6108 <https://www.portalrvresort.com/>, 1261 N Hwy 191, Moab UT 84532, Vicki Ottoson & Ernie Nitka 303-777-6144, personal@comcast.net

May 20-23 Maintenance & New Member Rally, Fort Collins Lakeside KOA 970-484-9880 or 800-562-9168 <https://koa.com/campgrounds/fort-collins-lakeside/>, 1910 Lakeside Resort Ln, Fort Collins CO 80524, Tom Silvers, 024president@airstreamclub.net

Four Corners Unit - airstreamclub.org/four-corners

New Mexico Unit - airstreamclub.org/new-mexico

Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/utahs-wasatch

Apr 8-12 Rally - Kanab, Grand Plateau RV Park, 2550 East Hwy 89, Kanab UT 84741, <https://utahswasatch.airstreamclub.net/registrations/>, Bonnie & John Ruskauff 801-244-4794, onniebay68@gmail.com

May 6-9 Rally - Moab3, Corona Edition, Canyonlands RV Resort & CG, 555 S Main St, Moab UT 84532, <https://utahswasatch.airstreamclub.net/registrations/>, Bonnie & John Ruskauff 801-244-4794, onniebay68@gmail.com

Wyoming Unit - airstreamclub.org/wyoming

REGION 12 Activities



Region 12 Website: airstreamclub.org/region12

CANCELLED Apr 22-25 Cali Rally, Parkfield, CA

Oct 6-10 Region 12 Rally, Paso Robles, CA

Dec 28-
Jan 1, 2022 Rose Parade, Pasadena, CA

Central Coast California Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/central-coast-california

El Camino Real Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/el-camino-real

Apr 7-10 Costa Vista Rally, Costa View RV Resort <https://www.sunrvresorts.com/costa-vista-rv-resort>, 825 E St, Chula Vista CA 91910, Weston Taylor 909-241-1160, taylor9805@aol.com

May 26-Jun 2 McCloud Mushroom Festival, McCloud Main St, McCloud CA 96057, Mike Behan, mibmjb@yahoo.com

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/greater-bay-area

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/greater-los-angeles

May 13-16 Pismo Beach Rally, Pismo Beach North Beach State CG, 399 S Dolliver St, Pismo Beach CA 93449, Paula Hammer, Events. GLAAC@gmail.com

Lake Tahoe Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/lake-tahoe

Las Vegas Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/las-vegas

Apr 7-11 Paso Robles Rally, Cava Robles RV Resort <https://www.sunrvresorts.com/resorts/west/california/cava-robles/>, 3800 Golden Hill Rd, Paso Robles CA 93446, Cheryl, musserfly@cox.net

Northern California Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/northern-california

Apr 7-11 Gilroy Rally, Gilroy Garlic USA RV Park, 650 Halloway Rd, Gilroy CA 95020, Carole & Bob Echols/Yoshiko & Steve Deiwert, steve_deiwert@sbcglobal.net

May 5-9 Lassen RV Resort Rally, Lassen RV Resort, 548-335 Old Highway Rd, McArthur CA 96056, Pat Lazzereschi, plazzereschi@gmail.com

Sacramento Valley Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/sacramento-valley

May 13-17 Black Oak RV Park Rally, Black Oak RV Park in Tuolumne, <https://www.blackoakcasino.com/stay/rv-park/>, 19380 Tuolumne Rd North, Tuolumne CA 95379, Dale & Nancy Harrington - Jack & Shirley Whitcomb, Scottie148@sbcglobal.net

San Diego Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/san-diego

Sierra Nevada Unit - airstreamclub.org/sierra-nevada

South Coast California Airstream Club - airstreamclub.org/south-coast-california

EUROPE Activities



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8/16 -10/4

Stop: Albuquerque, NM

We will visit the four corners region of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona exploring sites other tourists may not see ending with the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

Made in U.S.A.

Start: Jackson Center, OH

9/8-10/11

Stop: Milwaukee, WI

Discover how some well-known products are manufactured, starting at the Airstream factory.

Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights – East

Start: Manistique, MI

9/11-9/26

Stop: St. Ignace, MI

See the absolute best of the eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in just 15 days and 5 stops.

Highway 61 Revisited

Start: Duluth, MN

9/11-10/11

Stop: New Orleans, LA

Inspired by Bob Dylan's album "Highway 61 Revisited", we travel to southern places known for their musical heritage.

Northern Lights & Polar Bears

Start: International Peace Garden MB/ND

9/12-10/11

Stop: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Tour Manitoba starting at the International Peace Garden including a six-day tour to and from Churchill on Hudson Bay. Spend two days and a night on the tundra viewing polar bears and the northern lights.

Smidge of the Blue Ridge

Start: Bryson City, NC

9/17-9/25

Stop: Boone, NC

A short version of the Taste of the Blue Ridge caravan.

Gone to Texas

Start: Amarillo, TX

9/26-10/30

Stop: Ingram, TX

The letters GTT were familiar in the United States during the early 1800's. They meant "Gone To Texas". Come with us and see why it was the place to be.

Sho-Me the Ozarks

Start: Mountain View, AR

9/30-10/27

Stop: Van Buren, MO

The region of America known as "The Ozarks" is a cultural and geographically distinct area centered in northern Arkansas and southern Missouri. Beginning in the Ozarks Folk Center, you will travel through time and place with sights, events, and food not to be missed.

2022 WBCCI National Caravans

For the most current information, go to airstreamclub.org/caravans

Golden State

4/26-6/7

Start: Borrego Springs, CA

Stop: Olema, CA

Join us as we travel to some of our favorite California destinations. Our trip wouldn't be complete without visiting Yosemite, Sequoia and the Gold Country.

Old National Road - East

4/29-5/7

Start: Woodbine, MD

Stop: Washington, PA

Join us as we travel the eastern segment of the Old National Road. It is a journey through the lives and fortunes of the people that built the United States, from Baltimore, MD to Washington, PA.

Old National Road - Central

5/7-5/15

Start: Washington, PA

Stop: Richmond, IN

Join us as we travel the central segment of the Old National Road. It is a journey through the lives and fortunes of the people that built the United States, from Washington, PA to Richmond, IN.

Old National Road - West

5/15-5/24

Start: Richmond, IN

Stop: Effingham, IL

Join us as we travel the western segment of the Old National Road. It is a journey through the lives and fortunes of the people that built the United States, from Richmond, IN to Vandalia, IL.

Springtime in the Rockies

5/26-6/21

Start: Estes Park, CO

Stop: Gardiner, MT

Come share in the adventures of traveling through some of the most spectacular scenery in the world, from the summit on Trail Ridge Road to the Teton Mountains and the geysers of Yellowstone.

California Architecture, Food, and Wine

6/12-7/7 (estimate)

Start: Forrestville, CA

Stop: San Dimas, CA

You've done all the tourist sites; now you can experience the finest elements of California. From camping among the vineyards to exploring historic Los Angeles on foot to driving the back roads of rural California, this caravan is for you!

Canadian Rocky Mountain

6/25-7/16

Start: Drumheller, Alberta

Stop: Cochrane, Alberta

Travel through the four contiguous National Rocky Mountain Parks of Jasper, Banff, Yoho and Kootenay. Attend the world-renowned Calgary Stampede where we will see the "greatest outdoor show on earth."

Southwest Adventure

8/15-10/3

Start: Albuquerque, NM

Stop: Albuquerque, NM

What is around the bend in the Four-corners region of Colorado, Utah, Arizona & New Mexico other tourists may not see. Come prepared to have fun with your fellow caravanners.

Made in U.S.A.

9/6-10/8

Start: Jackson Center, OH

Stop: Milwaukee, WI

Those little tags, we love seeing them. Now come with us and see some of those products made.

Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights – East

9/10-25

Start: Manistiquie, MI

Stop: St. Ignace, MI

See the absolute best of the eastern half of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in just 15 days and 5 stops.

2022 Contractor Caravans

Road, Sea & Rail

1/28-3/23

Start: Potrero, CA

Stop: Nogales, AZ

Travel through the Baja of Mexico with whale watching, overnight cruise and a rail trip.

REGION 5 RALLY
Airstreams and Flamingos on the Lakes
Kosciusko County Fairgrounds
Warsaw, Indiana
September 15 - 20, 2021

Last Name _____ First Name _____ WBCCI # _____

Spouse/Partner/Significant Other Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____

Home Unit/Club _____ Home Region # _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please circle type of rig: MH TRLR Slideouts Vintage Parking Y or N

Rally Fee:

1 rig w/2 ppl, 4 nights camping _____ X \$275 = \$ _____
 1 rig w/1 person, 4 nights camping _____ X \$215 = \$ _____
 Each extra adult, age 17+ _____ X \$ 60 = \$ _____
 Per Child _____ X \$ 50 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Comments/Additional Info _____

Includes: 4 nights parking (no early parking this year), 3 breakfasts, Saturday night boat banquet (first 100 registered), ice cream social, entertainment on Friday night, Thursday tour.

Please make check payable to: Region 5 of WBCCI
 Mail to: John Swearingen, Region 5 Treasurer
 P.O. Box 356, Atlanta, IL 61723

Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you desire a receipt.
 OR use online registration available at airstreamclub.org/region5

ATHENS OLD TIME FIDDLERS RALLY
Includes Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention
Athens, Alabama
September 28 - October 2, 2021

Last Name _____

First Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

WBCCI # _____ Club # (no names or abbreviations) _____

Rally Fee:

Per adult # _____ x \$55 = \$ _____
 Per child # _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

Softball Field WBAC

Camping per night # _____ x \$25 = \$ _____
 (4 night minimum) Total \$ _____

Checks payable to: Alabama Airstream Fiddlers Rally
 Send registration & check to:
 Mike Hamilton, Treasurer
 3106 Quail Run, Opelika, AL 36801
Receipt acknowledged via email

Address questions and comments to:
 Rally Chairman, Russ Pry, email: athensairstreamrally@gmail.com

All rally related correspondence is electronic.

45th REGION 4 RALLY
Peace, Love, Almost Heaven
Summit Bechtel Reserve, Fayetteville, West Virginia
May 19 - 23, 2021

Last Name _____

First Name(s) _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit/Club _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Type RV TT MH Length _____ Handicapped Parking? Y N

Rally Fee:

2 Persons \$345 # in Party _____
 1 Person \$275 Rally Fee.....\$ _____
 Extra Adult/Child \$ 70 \$70 x _____ \$ _____
 Total.....\$ _____

\$50 discount if postmarked on or before January 31, 2021

Discount.....\$ _____

Total Enclosed.....\$ _____

Rally Fee includes: 4 nights camping w/20A electric, come with full water tanks and empty grey/black tanks-pumpouts on Saturday, 3 catered meals, morning hospitality, evening hospitality, evening entertainment, high adventure activities, and much more...

Cancellation Policy: Refund requests sent to the Region Treasurer in writing (email or snail mail) and postmarked by March 30 will receive a refund less a \$50 administrative fee. Refund requests postmarked on or after April 1 will receive a 50% refund. No refunds after May1.

Make checks payable to: WBCCI Region 4
 Mail to: Steve Rhodes
 1121 Bogey Drive, Ontario, OH 44903-6526

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At Catalina State Park, Oro Valley, Tucson, AZ -
submitted by Suzi & Brad Hendrix, BRN 7761



At Mid-Winter IBT, Sarasota, FL -
submitted by Craig Stephens, BRN 10199

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